

*Dept of Natural Resources
Div of Recreation & Parks*

DOCUMENTS

DEPT

BIENNIAL REPORT
of the
FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS
and
HISTORIC MEMORIALS

For The Years
July 1, 1959, Through June 30, 1961



DRAWN FROM THE
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Walter A. Coldwell, Director
FLORIDA PARK SERVICE
Tallahassee, Florida

STATE LIBRARY

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT

F719.325
P3

JUN 1968



THE CHARM OF KILLEARN.
(Killearn Gardens State Park)

TO: Honorable C. Farris Bryant, Governor
Members of the Legislature of Florida

Sirs:

The following pages contain a report of the program and activities of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials during the Biennium July 1, 1959-June 30, 1961. Due to the limitations of time in submitting this Biennial Report, it is necessary to assume what will be our activities during the last three months of the period.

The Florida Park Service has endeavored to carry out its policy of preserving the past, presenting the present and preparing for the future. We have been fortunate in obtaining additional areas and improving and opening some of our existing areas. We look forward to the coming biennium with the hope that we will be able to provide more fully suitable and adequate facilities for the people of Florida and our millions of visitors.

We feel the activities as outlined on the following pages will give you a more objective picture of the effort and devotion exhibited by all the personnel of this agency.

Respectfully submitted,
Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials
John Fite Robertson, Chairman.

BIENNIAL REPORT
of the
FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS
and
HISTORIC MEMORIALS

For The Years
July 1, 1959, Through June 30, 1961



Walter A. Coldwell, Director
FLORIDA PARK SERVICE
Tallahassee, Florida

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| SUBJECT | PAGE |
|--|-------|
| The Charm of Killearn | 1 |
| Letter to Governor Bryant | 2 |
| Members of Board of Florida Board of Park and Historic Memorial | 5 |
| Personnel of the Florida Park Service | 5-6 |
| Introduction | 8 |
| How Florida Compared | 10 |
| What's New in the State Parks | 12-33 |
| What's New in the Historic Memorial | 34-43 |
| Fiscal Branch | 44 |
| Financial Statement (1958-1959) | 45 |
| Financial Statement (1959-1960) | 46 |
| The 1961-1963 Budget | 47-64 |
| Information and Education | 64-73 |
| Attendance and Receipts | 74-75 |
| Use and Facilities | 76-77 |
| Attendance by Activity | 78 |
| State Road Department Expenditures | 79 |
| Acreage of Parks and Memorials | 80 |

Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials

Members of the Board

Mr. John Fite Robertson, Chairman, Sarasota
Dr. James T. Cook, Vice-Chairman, Marianna
Dr. Kathryn Abbey Hanna, Member, Winter Park
Mr. John D. Pennekamp, Member, Miami
Mrs. G. T. Smith, Jr., *Member, Ocala

Others Who Served

Mr. Frank D. Upchurch, **St. Augustine
Mr. Howard Odom, Marianna
Mrs. Eugene Jones, Sarasota
Mr. William Speed, Tallahassee
Mr. Frank J. Pepper, Miami
Mr. Winthrop Bancroft, Jacksonville
Mrs. C. D. Towers, Jacksonville
Mrs. Harold Butts, Ormond Beach
Mrs. Guy Yaste, Pensacola
Mr. Karl A. Bickel, Sarasota
Mr. Miles Collier, Everglades (Deceased)
Mr. Edwin M. Clark, Tallahassee
Mr. D. B. Hayes, Blountstown

*Appointed March, 1961

**Resigned March, 1961

Personnel of the Florida Park Service

1. Walter A. Coldwell, Director
2. Roy M. Brooks, Assistant Director
3. Karl Mayer, Fiscal Agent
4. Carleton Lillie, Architect
5. Ralph S. Hager, Chief, Information & Education
6. Leslie Ross, Internal Auditor
7. Jack K. Bradley, Engineering Aide
8. Richard French, Fiscal Accountant
9. Mrs. Julia Holland, Secretary
10. James R. Smith, Construction Supervisor
11. Mrs. Peggy Pearson, Stenographer
12. Mrs. Ann McClusky, Secretary
13. Mrs. Ruth McComb, Bookkeeping Machine Operator
14. Mrs. Ann Messer, Clerk-Typist
15. Armar Young, Clerk-Typist
16. Mrs. Norma Fox, Clerk-Typist
17. Mrs. Carolyn Thompson, Stenographer

STATE PARK SUPERINTENDENTS

Anastasia.....Walter Marion, P.O. Box 551, St. Augustine
Collier-Seminole.....Frank M. McKay, Marco
Florida Caverns.....James A. Cook, P.O. Box 678, Marianna
Fort Clinch.....Carl Gillen, Drawer 751, Fernandina Beach
Fort Pickens.....Robert G. Baylor, Box 100, Gulf Breeze
Gold Head Branch.....Zane DeLoach, Box E, Keystone Heights
Highlands Hammock.....Lester C. Saladin, P.O. Box 669, Sebring
Hillsborough River.....Harry Sigrist, P.O. Box 506, Zephyrhills
Hugh Taylor Birch...Kermit L. Ehly, Box 4415, Fort Lauderdale
Jim Woodruff.....Lawrence McMillan, Sneads
Jonathan Dickinson.....Paul Walker, P.O. Box 216, Hobe Sound
Killearn Gardens.....Fred J. Ferrell, Route 1, Tallahassee
Little Talbot Island.....John Feaster, Fort George
Manatee Springs.....Walter M. Pirmann, P.O. Box 83, Chiefland
Myakka River.....Allen Crowley, Route 1, Box 72, Sarasota
O'Leno.....Carlos M. Maxwell, High Springs
Oscar Scherer.....Allen Crowley, Route 1, Box 72, Sarasota
St. Andrews.....Claude J. Willoughby, P.O. Box 72, Panama City Bh.
Suwannee River.....John Hale, Route 1, Box 185-A, Live Oak
Tomoka.....Francis H. Greer, P.O. Box 485, Ormond Beach
Torreya.....Homer G. Barber, Rock Bluff

HISTORIC MEMORIAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Tomoka.....Francis H. Greer, P.O. Box 485, Ormond Beach
Bulow Ruins.....Mrs. J. A. Durrance, Box 82, Flagler Beach
Constitution.....Mrs. Maude V. Martin, Port St. Joe
Dade Battlefield.....Arthur J. Clark, Bushnell
Fort George Historic Memorials...Hulan J. Williams, Fort George
 Huguenot Memorial Area
 John F. Rollins Bird & Plant Sanctuary
 Yellow Bluff Fort
 Kingsley Area
Gamble Mansion.....Robert Lee, Ellenton
Green Mound.....Francis Greer, Box 485, Ormond Beach
Dr. John Gorrie Memorial...John E. Hauswirth, Apalachicola
Natural Bridge Battlefield.....A. J. Tharpe, Woodville
New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins.....Paul Setney, Route 2,
 New Smyrna Beach
Olustee Battlefield.....Thomas E. Cravey, Olustee
Ormond Tomb.....Francis Greer, Box 485, Ormond Beach
Turtle Mound.....Francis Greer, Box 485, Ormond Beach
Yulee Sugar Mill.....Mrs. Ida M. Havens, Box 165, Homosassa

IN MEMORIAM

C. H. Schaeffer, Chief
Information and Education Branch
August 10, 1897 - October 21, 1959

Dewey Willis
Construction Supervisor
May 12, 1898 - September 25, 1960

J. L. Britt, Ranger
Gold Head Branch State Park
September 11, 1904 - February 27, 1960

John Duss, Member
Historic Sugar Mill Ruins Advisory Council
March 25, 1885-January 28, 1961

J. William Decker
Former Superintendent-Museum Attendant
Fort Clinch State Park
January 6, 1884 - May 1, 1960

Introduction

Florida has always been, and continues to be, the land of fun, sun and relaxation. No where is it more graphically proved than in Florida's State Parks. The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, during the past two years, has made giant strides in accomplishing its objectives of preserving the past, presenting the present and preparing for the future. We have prided ourselves in having a part in recalling the romance and history of our great State. We have been gratified at the millions of visitors who have come to our parks to enjoy the many facilities provided. We are striving to prepare our parks with adequate facilities to accommodate the ever increasing numbers of visitors who will come to us in the future.

THE HISTORIC PAST

Eighteen historic memorials have been preserved throughout the State depicting many phases of Florida's long and varied past. Three new memorials are now in various stages of completion. The Governor Drew Mansion, located at the Suwannee River on U. S. 90 was in process of being restored to its original ante-bellum appearance from a \$28,300 appropriation. However, on February 21, 1961, the Governor and Cabinet curtailed any further expenditures until this matter could be brought before the 1961 Legislature for further scrutiny. The \$10,920.81 expended was spent for a dismountable warehouse, water system and some hired labor.

Another page of history will be preserved with the completion of a museum at Cedar Key. Displays depicting scenes and memories of this former bustling seaport on Florida's Gulf Coast will be included in the museum. The Florida State Museum is preparing the exhibits.

A master plan has been prepared for the preservation of the ruins of Fort Gadsden on the Apalachicola River in the Apalachicola National Forest. The master plan calls for the preservation of the original fort site, the erection of a museum to house various artifacts, and the construction of picnic facilities for visitors to the area. Construction of the picnic and rest room facilities is scheduled to begin during this biennium.



Underwater photography and skin diving are two of the activities visitors may enjoy at the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

THE SCENIC WONDERS

From the near-mountainous terrain of Torreya State Park to the marshy Big Cypress Swamp of Collier-Seminole State Park, Florida's Park System has been noted for the endless variety and beauty of its areas. St. Andrews is famous for its glistening white beaches. Florida Caverns is unsurpassed with its awe-inspiring spectacle of the fabulous limestone caverns. Killearn Gardens offers the ultimate in array and beauty of its flowering plants, trees and shrubs. Highlands Hammock presents a never ending panorama of exciting tropical plants and animals. Areas of natural attractiveness are being preserved in their native state. Trails are being blazed through these untouched areas of primitive nature so that visitors may enjoy the sights and sounds of Florida as it was centuries ago.

One of the greatest accomplishments of the past biennium has been the establishment of the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Florida's Keys. This 21-mile long portion of the only living coral reef formation in the Northern Hemisphere has been set aside and saved from destruction by those who would exploit its natural beauties. More than forty species of living coral abound in these waters as well as countless varieties of tropical

fish. Park Service regulations now protect these things from the destruction they were experiencing in recent years.

YEAR 'ROUND RECREATION

An endless variety of recreational activities are being provided in our State Parks. Overnight camping, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and many other activities are encouraged in our Parks. Each summer thousands of Florida's young people attend group camps at O'Leno, Hugh Taylor Birch and St. Andrew State Parks. Sightseeing tours are conducted through Highlands Hammock, Killearn Gardens, Florida Caverns and other Parks. Additional nature trails for hiking and educational field trips are being opened each year.

The number of overnight campers has increased ten times during the last decade. With the increased mobility of the public and the tendency to have more leisure time, the demand has become increasingly heavy for more and better recreational facilities. Florida's State Parks have remained open 365 days a year in an effort to meet this demand for recreational outlets.

HOW FLORIDA COMPARED IN 1959

Acreage Comparison

Florida's State Parks and Historic Memorials comprised forty-nine areas with a total of 72,494 acres in 1959.

California had 159 areas and 677,000 acres.

Maine had 32 areas and 204,361 acres.

New York had 137 areas and 2,701,199 acres.

Pennsylvania had 156 areas and 166,116 acres.

South Carolina had 26 areas and 45,972 acres.

Acquired by the Florida Park Service since the above statistics were compiled by the National Park Service, is the 48,160-acre John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. This new park is the largest in Florida's Park System.

Florida's smallest park, John C. Beasley State Park, has twenty-three acres and the smallest Historic Memorial is the Confederate Monument at DeFuniak Springs with no acreage involved. Negotiations are underway for a site on Key Largo where we plan to erect a headquarters building for the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. From this headquarters site boats will convey visitors to the coral reef area.

STATE PARK EXPENDITURES BY STATES*

| Rank | State | Expended |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | California | \$21,757,342 |
| 2. | New York | 17,006,098 |
| 3. | Ohio | 4,174,720 |
| 4. | Pennsylvania | 3,716,704 |
| 5. | Illinois | 3,466,543 |
| 6. | Massachusetts | 2,695,342 |
| 7. | Kentucky | 2,409,091 |
| 8. | Michigan | 2,162,337 |
| 9. | Oklahoma | 2,138,206 |
| 10. | New Jersey | 1,995,967 |
| 11. | Tennessee | 1,980,899 |
| 12. | Oregon | 1,980,718 |
| 13. | Washington | 1,855,251 |
| 14. | New Hampshire | 1,470,884 |
| 15. | Iowa | 1,359,405 |
| 16. | Indiana | 1,244,629 |
| 17. | West Virginia | 1,186,058 |
| 18. | Missouri | 1,113,464 |
| 19. | FLORIDA | 1,091,148 |
| 20. | Connecticut | 1,088,864 |

*Information from National Park Service Publication, 1959.

NEW HEADQUARTERS OFFICES

In November, 1960, the Florida Park Service moved into new and more spacious quarters in the Tallahassee Building on the Thomasville Highway. The floor space at the previous location totaled approximately 1,600 square feet while the new offices provide some 3,700 square feet. This was a badly needed increase in office space and has greatly aided in improving office efficiency and morale.

Two buildings at Killearn Gardens State Park were weather-proofed and are now serving as storage space for bulk supplies and records. This space will enable the Information and Education Branch to store all fair exhibits in one location. In the past it has been necessary to house these exhibits in various locations in the Parks.

We have requested in our 1961-1963 budget that \$78,000 be allocated for the construction of a permanent headquarters building at Killearn Gardens State Park. This building would eliminate the necessity of the Service being housed in private



Combination rest room and laundry buildings such as this have recently been completed at St. Andrews, Torreya, Suwannee River, Tomoka, Hillsborough River, Myakka River, Collier-Seminole, and Jonathan Dickinson State Parks.

buildings and paying rent to private individuals and concerns. The Park Service was one of the State agencies scheduled to be housed in the new State Building being erected by the City of Tallahassee in the Capitol Center. With the sale of the Martin Building in the City of Tallahassee, it has become apparent that space in the new building will be at a premium and other agencies will receive the greatest portion of the office area. These other agencies may prevent the Park Service from obtaining its needed office space when the new building becomes available.

WHAT IS NEW IN THE STATE PARKS

ANASTASIA STATE PARK

Anastasia State Park will play an important role in the St. Augustine Quadri centennial Celebration which will soon be getting underway. We have agreed to allow the City of St. Augustine to erect an exhibit depicting its 400 years of history.

A great deal of work has been done in this Park in maintaining and improving its facilities. Ten waist-high grills were installed in the picnic area for the convenience of visitors. The pram stor-

age facilities at Anastasia are continuing to receive a great deal of use by residents of the St. Augustine area.

The improvements we seek for this Park are quite extensive and very necessary. Among the major needs include tying in to the city water supply, a fence, and addition to the truck shelter, five duplex picnic shelters, a complete camping area installation and a number of other things.

COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

This Park, situated near the famous Everglades, continues to serve as an oasis along the Tamiami Trail between Fort Myers and Miami.

We have recently completed a combination rest room and laundry building for our overnight campers. The trailer camping and tent camping areas have been expanded to accommodate the great increase in these visitors. Ten new tables have been provided for picnickers.

We are urgently in need of an approved water system for Collier-Seminole. Other needs include an entrance and gate, ranger residence, equipment shelter and shop, headquarters and visitors center, and a number of other things.

FAVER-DYKES STATE PARK

This area, formerly known as Pellicer Creek State Park, still remains one of our undeveloped areas. The scenic beauty of this area is virtually unsurpassed anywhere in Florida and local residents consider it the finest fishing spot available.

We have attempted to keep the area open and available for those persons who are able to get to it. We have continued to underbrush the picnic area and roadway and the County has attempted to repair the road.

To develop this Park into a fully operating site we need a ranger residence, water system, pavilion and rest room, boat ramp, and several other important improvements.

FLAGLER BEACH STATE PARK

This excellent beach area fronts on the Atlantic Ocean and extends westward beyond both Highway A1A and the Intra-Coastal Waterway, and takes in some of the marsh not far from the Bulow Historic Memorial.

We are asking the Legislature for an appropriation to obtain a complete water system, combination pavilion and rest rooms, picnic facilities, a ranger residence, picnic area rest rooms,



Fantastic formations are shown above at Florida Caverns State Park, near Marianna, Florida. The actually beginning of the caves was probably within the last thirty-five thousand years, sometime after the last great ice age.

entrance and fence, and many of the other facilities necessary to open this Park for public use.

FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK

This popular State Park offers two features not found in any other Park in our State - - limestone caverns and a nine-hole golf course. These two attractions plus all the many other recreational features bring visitors to Florida Caverns State Park from all over the nation.

We hope to expand the golf course to a regulation 18-hole course, build a pro-shop and hire an outstanding professional golfer to administer the course. It is felt that these are important in view of the fact that this is the only golf course now available to residents in this area.

Of course, we are not neglecting the other features of this Park. We have opened up additional picnic space and constructed an additional thirty picnic tables. Sidewalks to the Caverns and steps within the Caverns have been built to facilitate the persons visiting these beautiful attractions.

During the next two years we hope to have funds available



FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

The historic remains of the old U. S. Fort are among the major attractions of the Fort Clinch State Park near Fernandina Beach. Excellent restoration and an interesting Museum add to the attractiveness of this historic site.

for construction of a campers shelter, a combination pavilion and rest rooms, picnic area rest rooms for a new picnic section, a ranger residence, and several other needs.

FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

Fort Clinch State Park is the eastern gateway to the Florida Park System. Thousands of overnight campers and other visitors make this Park a definite stopping place on their itinerary to and from Florida. Part of its popularity may be attributed to the fact that it offers the three big attractions-the historic, the scenic and the recreational.

To enhance the historic attraction of Fort Clinch, the draw-bridge has been constructed using plans and specifications copied from the original drawings of this portion of the Fort.

A new automatic audio-guide system is being installed in the Fort. These audio-guides will relate, by means of continuous tape recordings, facts relative to the area of the Fort in which it is situated. Other audio-guides will perform in the same manner in other portions of the Fort. If this system proves successful we



FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

The historic remains of the old U. S. Fort are among the major attractions of the Fort Clinch State Park near Fernandina Beach. Excellent restoration and an interesting Museum add to the attractiveness of this historic site.

for construction of a campers shelter, a combination pavilion and rest rooms, picnic area rest rooms for a new picnic section, a ranger residence, and several other needs.

FORT CLINCH STATE PARK

Fort Clinch State Park is the eastern gateway to the Florida Park System. Thousands of overnight campers and other visitors make this Park a definite stopping place on their itinerary to and from Florida. Part of its popularity may be attributed to the fact that it offers the three big attractions-the historic, the scenic and the recreational.

To enhance the historic attraction of Fort Clinch, the draw-bridge has been constructed using plans and specifications copied from the original drawings of this portion of the Fort.

A new automatic audio-guide system is being installed in the Fort. These audio-guides will relate, by means of continuous tape recordings, facts relative to the area of the Fort in which it is situated. Other audio-guides will perform in the same manner in other portions of the Fort. If this system proves successful we

plan to install them in other historical areas throughout our Park System.

Several cannons have been mounted in one of the bastions of the Fort to give visitors an idea of how they looked when the fortress was still in operation.

A complete renovation program has been underway at this Park. The Fort has been dressed up and a display program has begun at the Fort Museum.

A boat ramp near the Fort area was completed and twenty-five waist-high stoves were erected in the camping area. An additional thirty-five picnic tables were constructed by Park personnel. The nature trails have been extended.

To meet the increasing demand of overnight camping we feel that we need another entire camping area, complete with sanitary facilities. We also need additional picnic pavilions, a seawall at the Fort, repairs to the Fort, a ranger residence and a number of other items.

FORT PICKENS STATE PARK

Fort Pickens State Park assumed a greater role of importance this year because of the centennial celebration of the Civil War. Fort Pickens was the site of one of the major battles of the War Between the States, the battle of Santa Rosa Island. Steps have been taken recently to enhance the historic interpretation of this Park.

Because of the unsafe conditions of several of the Batteries in the Park it was necessary to close them to the public. Unlighted corridors, uneven flooring, insufficient guard rails, and many other factors entered into the decision to close these historic batteries. Where sufficient precautions could be taken, these fortresses were kept open to the public. Closed were Batteries Trueman, Payne, Sevier, Cullum, Van Swearingen, Pensacola, #234, Cooper and Langdon. These batteries are still available for outside inspection.

Fort Pickens State Park suffered only slight damage from Hurricane Ella and this was quickly repaired.

An extensive program of renovation and repair was undertaken at Fort Pickens during the past Biennium. Buildings long in need of repair were completely remodeled by the personnel of the Park.



Visitors to Fort Pickens State Park enjoy seeing the many batteries that were used during many of the wars in which the United States has engaged.

Among the items most urgently needed at Fort Pickens are a ranger residence at the Park entrance, additional camper's rest rooms, a pavilion and rest rooms at the Colored area, toilets and showers for the Boy Scout and Girl Scout areas, and several other items.

FRANK B. BUTLER STATE PARK

This Park, reserved for our Colored patrons, is now in full operation and provides one of the finest beaches in the area.

The picnic shelters and bathhouses have been completed, an entrance to the Park has been built, and a parking area has been provided.

We are still in need of additional picnic pavilions, boat launching facilities, dredging in the west area and additional land.

GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK

Gold Head Branch is known the nation over for its cleanliness, attractiveness and all around appeal to both the day and over-night visitor.

Major efforts during the past biennium have been directed



Picnicking, boating, swimming, and overnight camping give the visitor to Gold Head Branch State Park a wide variety of activities to enjoy.

toward maintaining, renovating and expanding present facilities. A new Boy Scout camping area was opened. Park personnel constructed twenty new picnic tables. A great deal of work was done by men of this Park in the opening of Magnolia Lake State Park.

There was no new capital improvement work performed at Gold Head Branch during the past biennium.

To meet the fast increasing demand of visitors to this Park we are badly in need of a rest room in the lower picnic area, expansion of the overnight camping area, new picnic facilities at Sheeler Lake, replacement of the water tank, ranger residence at the gate, a workshop and a number of other improvements.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK

Highlands Hammock State Park is known far and wide for its fascinating catwalk that enables visitors to view the many wonders of a tropical swamp. The highly interesting and informative tour-wagon trip through the many features of the Park is another must for persons visiting Highlands Hammock.



The Tour Wagon trip through Highlands Hammock State Park is one of the most interesting and educational attractions available in our system.

During the past two years a new picnic area was opened at this Park and the overnight camping area was expanded. Park personnel built and painted twenty-five new picnic tables.

Probably the most monumental task that faced the men of this Park was repairing the damage inflicted by Hurricane Donna. Highlands Hammock State Park was directly in the path of the Hurricane and damage to the Park was quite extensive. Many of the trees and other vegetation were severely damaged. The Park was closed to the public from September 10 to September 26, 1960, because of the Hurricane. The last traces of damage were finally removed early in November.

We are urgently in need of a water control program for the preservation of the Hammock area.

Highlands Hammock is another State Park where we feel there is a definite need for an expansion of the overnight camping area. We also need rest rooms at the amphitheater, water lines to the pond, a campers shelter, a picnic pavilion and several other improvements.



This new recreation building at Hillsborough River State Park features some of the finest accommodations for visitors at this Park.

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK

To meet the ever increasing demand for additional camping areas, the Hillsborough River State Park opened a new area to overnight visitors during the past year. A new combination rest room and laundry building was constructed for the camping area, and the building in the old area was repainted and spruced up.

A new dry dock was constructed and all necessary boat repairs were made. A sidewalk was built from the main parking area to the refreshment building and a 50 x 24-foot pavilion was constructed at a new picnic area.

Necessary steps were taken to open a new Boy Scout camping area. A well was drilled and the area was cleared of brush.

Hillsborough River State Park was one of those experiencing damage from Hurricane Donna in September, 1960. The Park was closed nine days following the Hurricane to enable the personnel to clean up and repair the damage.

In reviewing our needs at this Park we have found that we can fulfill our camping needs by adding another complete overnight area. We also need an entrance and gatehouse, a ranger residence, and equipment shelter and shop and several other pressing items.



Young campers from all over South Florida enjoy the attractive cabins of the Youth Camp area at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK

This Park is the only true metropolitan Park in the system. Its attendance has increased to well over the half million mark. It is situated on the Atlantic Ocean in Fort Lauderdale.

To accommodate the many visitors who come to Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, a new parking area in the Oak Grove picnic area has been constructed and a new road and parking area to the group camp have been completed.

After completing a new entrance road, an entrance station and office building was constructed. A memorial garden and fountain was built at the entrance of the Garden Center building.

The buildings in the group camp area were reroofed and the lagoon to the east of the Garden Center was dredged out and deepened. Five additional paddle boats were made available for rent in the lagoon.

This Park suffered little physical damaged as a result of Hurricane Donna.

It is felt that we need to extend the sprinkler system, renovate the ranger residence, construct four duplex picnic shelters and make several other major improvements.

JIM WOODRUFF STATE PARK

This newest of our State Parks was scheduled to be officially opened late this spring or this summer. The public has been allowed to use its partially complete facilities for several months.

Jim Woodruff State Park has received several delays in its development. The 1957 Legislature appropriated \$150,000 for its development but this was withdrawn during the money shortage which ensued during the following biennium. In 1959, the Legislature appropriated \$60,000 for capital improvements. From this money we have built two combination buildings, two complete water systems, a ranger residence, and we expect to construct a brick entranceway and two picnic shelters.

The Park Service has been extremely fortunate to secure the excellent cooperation and assistance of the Apalachee Correctional Institution in building some of these items. Through the use of labor from the Institution we were able to build the residence at a savings of nearly \$7,000 and were still able to use better quality building materials than originally anticipated.

We are asking the Legislature for monies to construct another ranger residence, 20 picnic shelters, a camping area, equipment shelter and shop, and other necessary items.

JOHN C. BEASLEY STATE PARK

This State Park provides one of the finest bathing beaches for our Colored patrons on Florida's Gulf Coast.

We provide a beautiful combination building and several picnic shelters at Beasley State Park. We plan during the final portion of this biennium to build a storage and office building.

Among the principle needs for this area are plantings in the parking area, four duplex picnic tables, a boardwalk to the beach, and a flagpole and base.

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

This State Park is our southernmost Park offering overnight camping facilities on the East Coast. This, plus the attractiveness and recreational facilities, have caused its attendance to continually increase each year.

We have just recently opened a new camping area to accom-



The boat docks on the Loxahatchee River are near the picnic area and rest rooms in extensive Jonathan Dickinson State Park west of US #1 near Stuart.

moderate tent and trailer campers. In this area we have a new combination rest room and laundry building. During the biennium we have also installed a new water system.

To meet the increasing attendance totals we need to expand camping facilities at this Park, construct a ranger residence, build two picnic pavilions, a barbeque pit and shelter, and a number of other improvements.

KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK

A horticulturist's dream, the Killearn Gardens State Park is undoubtedly one of the most outstanding attractions in North Florida. Thousands of visitors annually come to this Park to enjoy the countless varieties of camellias, azaleas, dogwood, magnolia and the many other types of flowering bushes and shrubs. Here, too, may be seen the rare Torreya Tree, transplanted from the Torreya State Park many years ago.

Not yet under construction at the writing of this report but planned during the biennium is a pergola at the entrance to the Gardens. This will be joining with the office at the entrance with light foot wide brick walks.

Much work has been done in improving and expanding the

intricate sprinkler systems of the Gardens. Buildings in the service area of the Park are now being utilized for storage by the Tallahassee Headquarters. Cement flooring was poured in four stables for the use as a storage space and a former woodshed was sealed in and is now being used for storage. This utilization of existing facilities has enabled the Tallahassee Office to move from facilities which it had formerly rented.

In the Lake Hall recreation area twenty picnic tables were purchased and assembled. Floors were tiled and ceilings painted in two rest rooms in this area.

Among the major improvements we would like to have at this Park is a new ranger residence, conversion of the old MacLay Home into a visitors education center, a Park Service Headquarters Building, expansion of the sprinkler system, additional picnic shelters and other items.

LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK

This first milestone in the development of this beautiful area was reached early this year with the acquisition of all the lands originally sought.

To get this Park in full operation we have asked the Legislature for funds to provide boat launching facilities, a dock, combination pavilion and rest rooms, water supply, and a number of other items.

NORTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

This portion of Little Talbot Island State Park, reserved for white patrons, is situated in the northern part of the Island.

Since this Park is principally a beach-recreation area, a great deal of effort has been expended in building and maintaining facilities for this purpose. Two new picnic shelters and thirty picnic tables were built by the Park Rangers. To facilitate the hundreds of automobiles that pour into the Park during the warm summer months, an extensive parking area has been built and marked. The winter months are used for painting and other general maintenance that is not possible during the rush period of the summer.

To meet the ever increasing demand of visitors to this area we need thirty additional duplex picnic shelters, rest rooms at



The broad Atlantic Beach at Little Talbot Island State Park provides a refreshing swim for visitors to this Northeast Florida Park.

the playground area, an entranceway and road, a suitable fishing pier and a number of other items.

SOUTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

This section of Little Talbot Island State Park is reserved for our Colored patrons and is situated on the southern portion of the Island.

In addition to its modern and commodious concession building, this area boasts a quarter-mile-long ocean fishing pier. At the recreation area parking lot we have poured 800 feet of concrete curbing, and another 1,900 square feet of concrete walkways have been built leading to the beach.

Twenty new picnic tables were built for this area and five waist-high stoves were purchased and installed for outdoor cooking enthusiasts.

To meet the demand of the ever increasing attendance at this area we have asked the Legislature for money to construct a duplex ranger residence, first aid center, two picnic pavilions, ten duplex picnic shelters and several other major improvements.

MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK

Through the efforts of the personnel of Gold Head Branch State Park basic facilities have been constructed to enable this new Park to begin operations.

Reserved for our Colored patrons, this Park provides picnic facilities, rudimentary sanitary facilities, a water system, a boat dock and boat launching ramp.

To further open this Park to the public we still need a complete water system, ranger residence, combination building, additional picnic facilities, entrance and gatehouse, equipment shelter and shop and several other items.



Overlooking the cool waters of the swimming area at Manatee Springs State Park near Chiefland is a well equipped concession building and bathhouse. We have just completed an addition to this bathhouse.

MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

At Manatee Springs State Park a new addition to the bathhouse has been completed providing much needed sanitary facilities

for bathers. A new lime rock boat ramp was constructed and ten tons of lime rock was spread to make an approach to the ramp.

Twenty tons of sand was spread in the swimming area to improve the bathing beach. Another beach improvement was a new six-inch bulkhead constructed in the children's wading area.

This beautiful Park continued to be a favorite of picnickers, swimmers, campers and fishermen. The catwalk, which extends to the Suwannee River, continues to attract the throngs of fishermen and sightseers.

Manatee Springs State Park is badly in need of an equipment shelter and shop as well as a complete new overnight camping area. We are also seeking a spring overlook and walkway so that our visitors might more fully enjoy the beauty of this historic spring.



Rustic palmetto log cabins at Myakka River State Park are available for overnight guests at a very nominal fee.

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

Myakka River State Park, during the past two years, has continued to be one of our most popular areas. The great flocks of wild turkeys, water fowl, the many semi-tame deer and other animals continue to fascinate the thousands of people who come to this Park.

A number of changes have been taking place at Myakka including a new road through the Park. This road is still under construction at the present and we plan to construct a north gate entrance station when this road is open for use. A factor which we feel will greatly increase attendance at this Park has been the rebuilding of Florida Highway 72 which passes by the front of the Park. The only new building constructed during the biennium was a new combination rest room and laundry building for overnight campers.

We are asking the Legislature for funds to build a picnic pavilion and rest rooms at the Upper Lake, a visitor center and museum, an addition to the concession building, another camping area, and several other capital improvements.

O'LENO STATE PARK

O'Leno State Park has become the Mecca for thousands of group campers from all over Florida. Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, church groups, and many other similar groups have their outings at this Park. It is also the site of many family reunions.

To accomodate the many groups that come to this Park a new dinning hall has been constructed. This dinning hall will serve approximately 160 campers at one sitting.

A great deal of work has been done on the water front at the swimming area. The Santa Fe River flows through the Park. Additional repair and maintenance work has been done on the softball field, the tennis courts, and other recreational areas.

A new entrance has been built to the tent camping area which is now open to the public.

In view of the great popularity of this Park we feel that we need another complete overnight camping area, ten additional group camp cabins, a girls' bathhouse, a leaders' cabin, and several other capital improvements.



Classes are held under trees, in the pavilion or in the dining room at lovely O'Leno State Park along the Santa Fe River near High Springs, Florida.

OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK

This State Park is between Osprey and Venice in Sarasota County and is east of the Seaboard Railroad. Running through this Park is an excellent creek which flows into Drymon Bay, which in turn gives boatmen access to the inside route and to the Gulf of Mexico.

Until now we have been compelled to operate this Park on a very limited scale, providing only limited temporary facilities.

To open it to full public use, we have asked for funds to install a water system, provide picnic pavilions and rest rooms, erect a ranger residence, build an equipment shelter and shop, and construct a fence, entrance and gatehouse.

ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK

A new combination rest room and laundry building was constructed for the overnight camping area at St. Andrews State Park. This building completed one of the most attractive camping areas of any of our State Parks.

The beautiful white sand beaches of this Park continued to



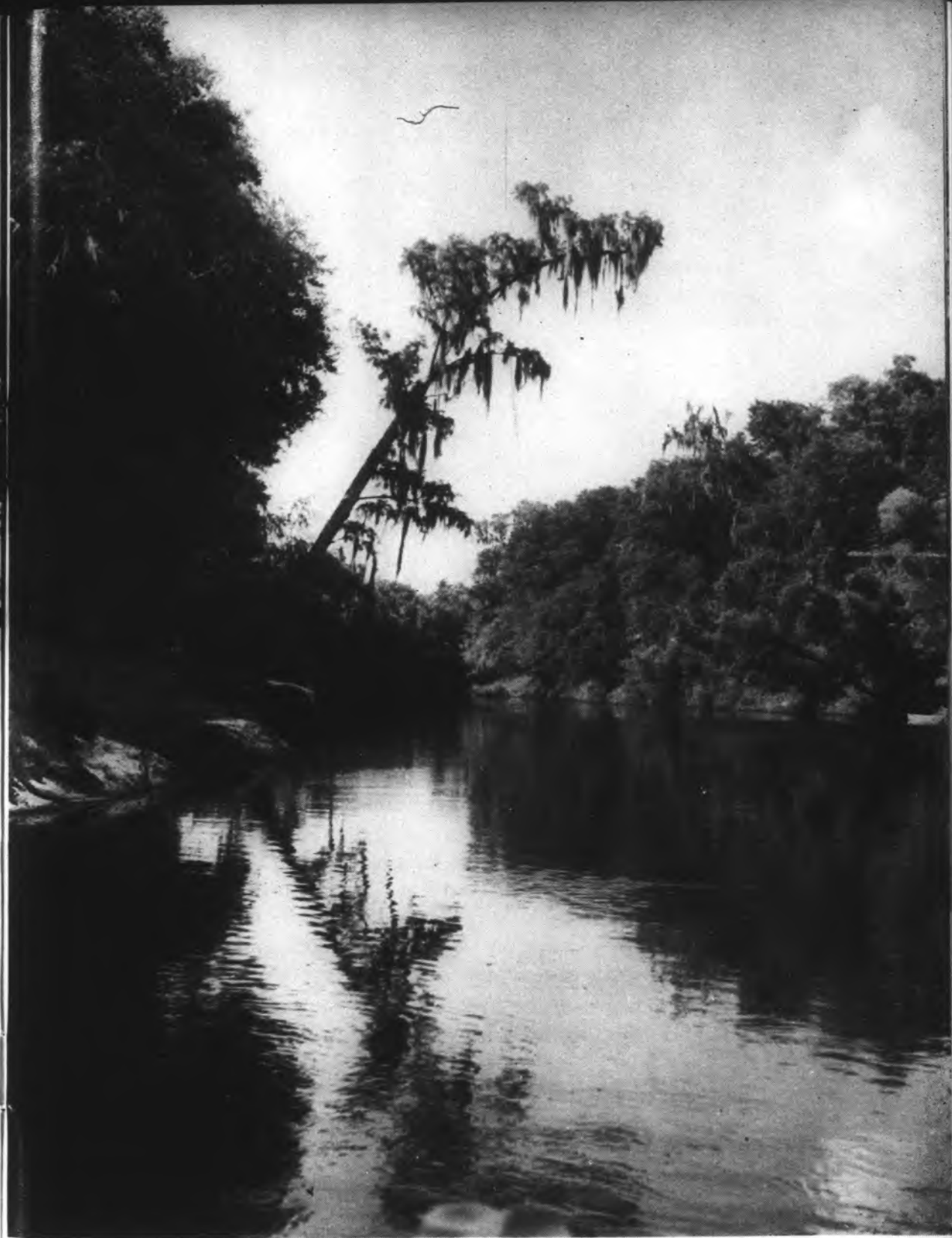
The white sand beaches of St. Andrews State Park attracts visitors from all over the nation.

attract thousands of visitors during the past biennium. To facilitate access to these attractive beaches, we brought in our dredge and pumped in fill for a new parking area. After the dredge completed the parking lot fill, it was moved to the boat basin to increase its size to fifty feet wide and one hundred feet long. The dredge was later used to fill a swamp area.

This past period Bay County completed work on the Colored fishing pier. This pier is one of the finest in this area. Through the efforts of the personnel of this Park another fishing pier, located in the White Use Area in Grand Lagoon, was completed. In this same area, Park personnel has constructed a picnic area, rest room and a dock at the boat launching ramp.

St. Andrews State Park has been faced with a bad erosion problem. It was necessary to move some of the telephone poles to prevent them from washing into the swimming area. Some twenty-five to seventy-five feet have been lost along the bank in the protected swimming area due to erosion.

We have asked the 1961 Legislature for funds to erect a picnic pavilion and rest rooms for a new area, build an equipment shelter and shop, a ranger residence, an infirmary for the group camp and several other items.



The restful beauty of the Suwannee River makes a trip to Suwannee River State Park one of the most relaxing possible.

SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK

Much progress was made at this beautiful Park situated on Florida's famous Suwannee River. The camping area was opened for full public use with the completion of the combination rest room and laundry building.

Access to the Park was facilitated with the opening of the new paved entrance road and the spacious parking area in the picnic section. One of the finest boat launching ramps in the area was constructed and fishermen are giving it heavy use.

The ranger residence was moved from its location in the midst of the earthworks of the old fort that guarded the railroad bridge during the War Between the States. The residence is now situated completely away from the recreation area.

Nature trails will be available now that a foot bridge has been completed over the creek north of the main Park area. This bridge was constructed by Park personnel of discarded railroad timbers and pilings.

Among our most urgent needs in Suwannee River State Park are a ranger residence, picnic pavilions and duplex shelters, an entrance and gate, fencing, a workshop and equipment shelter and other items.

TOMOKA STATE PARK

Several major improvements were constructed at Tomoka State Park during the past biennium. Outstanding among these was an impressive visitor center which includes a complete kitchen, recreation area, dock and boat launching ramp. We also constructed a combination rest room and laundry building for the camping area, two picnic shelters, barbeque pit and shelter, five new wells and water lines, and a number of other improvements.

We are deeply indebted to the Volusia County Commissioners for their financial assistance in the many capital improvements opened during the past two years. Volusia County contributed \$45,000 in matching funds for this work.

The attractiveness of these new facilities is reflected in the substantial increase in attendance during the first two months of 1961 as compared to the same period in 1960.

We feel there are a number of improvements still needed in this Park. Among the major items are expansion of the camping area, two picnic pavilions, equipment shelter, campers shelter and others.



TOMOKA STATE PARK

Among the newest and most beautiful of all the new buildings in Florida's State Parks is the visitors center at Tomoka State Park. A well equipped kitchen and a spacious dinning-recreation area makes this center ideal for organized groups.

TORREYA STATE PARK

This beautiful and historic State Park has been the scene of a great deal of activity. During the last two years we have constructed a new campers rest room and laundry building, constructed twenty new picnic tables, repaired the barracks building, rebuilt the warehouse, and expanded our water lines into the overnight camping area and the Boy Scout camping area. A new pump with a 2,200 gallon tank was installed.

A ranger residence and entranceway, gate and gatehouse office are among the principle needs of Torreya State Park. We also need a picnic pavilion, ten duplex picnic shelters, trailside museum, fencing and other improvements.



The Gregory House at Torreya State Park is an outstanding example of antebellum architecture. This house has been restored and furnished with furniture of the period.

WHAT IS NEW IN THE HISTORIC MEMORIALS

BULOW HISTORIC MEMORIAL

Many visitors have enjoyed the interpretive exhibits at the museum at the Bulow Plantation ruins during the past biennium. The grounds have been kept in excellent condition and this is fast becoming a favorite with our visitors as a quiet picnicking area.

We feel our most pressing need for this Historic Memorial is a fence around the area.

CEDAR KEY HISTORIC MEMORIAL

Bids for the construction of a Museum at Cedar Key were received in February, 1961, and the project was scheduled to get under way shortly after that date.

Exhibits for the Museum are being prepared by the Florida State Museum in Gainesville. These exhibits will feature many facts and replicas of early Cedar Keys when it was a bustling

Gulf Coast shipping center.

We feel that during the next two years we should expand our exhibits, landscape the area, construct a ranger residence and make a number of waterfront improvements.



This beautiful monument marks the vicinity in which the first State Constitution was signed. The Constitution Convention Memorial is located at Port St. Joe.

CONSTITUTION CONVENTION MEMORIAL

The Constitution Convention Museum in Port St. Joe houses many artifacts of the era in which the first State Constitution was adopted. An impressive diorama of the signing of the Constitution is one of the features of this popular Memorial.

During the past biennium our efforts have been toward maintenance and generally improving the appearance of this structure and its twelve-acre yard.

Plate glass fronts were placed on several displays including the Hurricane of 1843, Banking and Business in St. Joseph, and Contemporary World Events During St. Joseph's Brief History.

These displays and the accompanying posters were painted and serviced by Nile Schaeffer of Gainesville.

We feel that during the next biennium we should build an addition to the museum and expand our exhibits.



DADE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL

Students of history find the beautiful display at the Museum at the Dade Battlefield Historic Memorial, near Bushnell, highly interesting and informative. This Museum is open to the public without charge.

DADE BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL

Visitors from far and wide come to the Dade Battlefield Memorial to enjoy its interesting and educational museum, use the recreation facilities, and explore its historic areas.

Much has been done to preserve this site of the infamous massacre of Major Dade and his troops by the Indians.

Visitors to the area vary from small picnicking groups to family reunions and use of the recreation building is continuing

to increase. Twenty new picnic tables have been built to meet the increasing demand and the tennis court backstops have been replaced. With all these attractions, this is undoubtedly our most visited Historic Memorial.

Our most urgent need for this area include a storage addition to the recreation building, two additional picnic pavilions, entrance and gate and a new ranger residence.

FORT GEORGE HISTORIC SITES

Early in the biennium the seawall at the Huguenot Memorial area was completed protecting that area from possible erosion. Another major project completed during the period was the reroofing of the old stable and carriage house at the Kingsley Plantation.

The drilling of a 2-inch artesian well at the Rollins Bird and Plant Sanctuary was completed in September, 1960. A great deal of other painting and general maintenance was required to keep these historic areas in first-class condition.

Yellow Bluff Fort has received a great deal of attention by Jacksonville historians since it is the only site in public hands in Duval County which was historically significant during the War Between the States.

We feel that we are badly in need of public rest rooms at the Kingsley Plantation, a ranger residence, furnishings for the Kingsley House, and several other important items.

DR. JOHN GORRIE MEMORIAL

This interesting and informative Museum has proven to be one of the most popular attractions in the Apalachicola area.

A great deal of effort has been expended in the maintenance and beautifying of the area around the Museum. Trees and bushes have been planted and necessary painting and repairing of the Museum has been completed.

Crushed oyster shell walks and parking area were built. This was furnished by the City of Apalachicola and an additional one hundred cubic yards of soil was given the Museum by the Franklin County Commissioners.



The inventor of artificial refrigeration, Dr. John Gorrie, is honored at this Historic Memorial in Apalachicola, Florida.

JUDAH P. BENJAMIN MEMORIAL

During this period of celebration of the Civil War Centennial, the Judah P. Benjamin Memorial is taking on a more significant role than ever. The Gamble Mansion, which houses many mementoes and artifacts of the ante-bellum and Civil War periods, has been transformed into one of the finest attractions on Florida's West Coast.

The Gamble Mansion housed Confederate Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin during the time he was in flight from Union forces. It was at this site that he eluded his pursuers and eventually escaped to England.

In addition to a great deal of repainting and repairing, the personnel of this Memorial have been successful in obtaining a number of gifts and loans of various material for display within the Mansion.

This Memorial is in need of a carport and storage addition to the ranger's residence and a tool storage and truck shed.



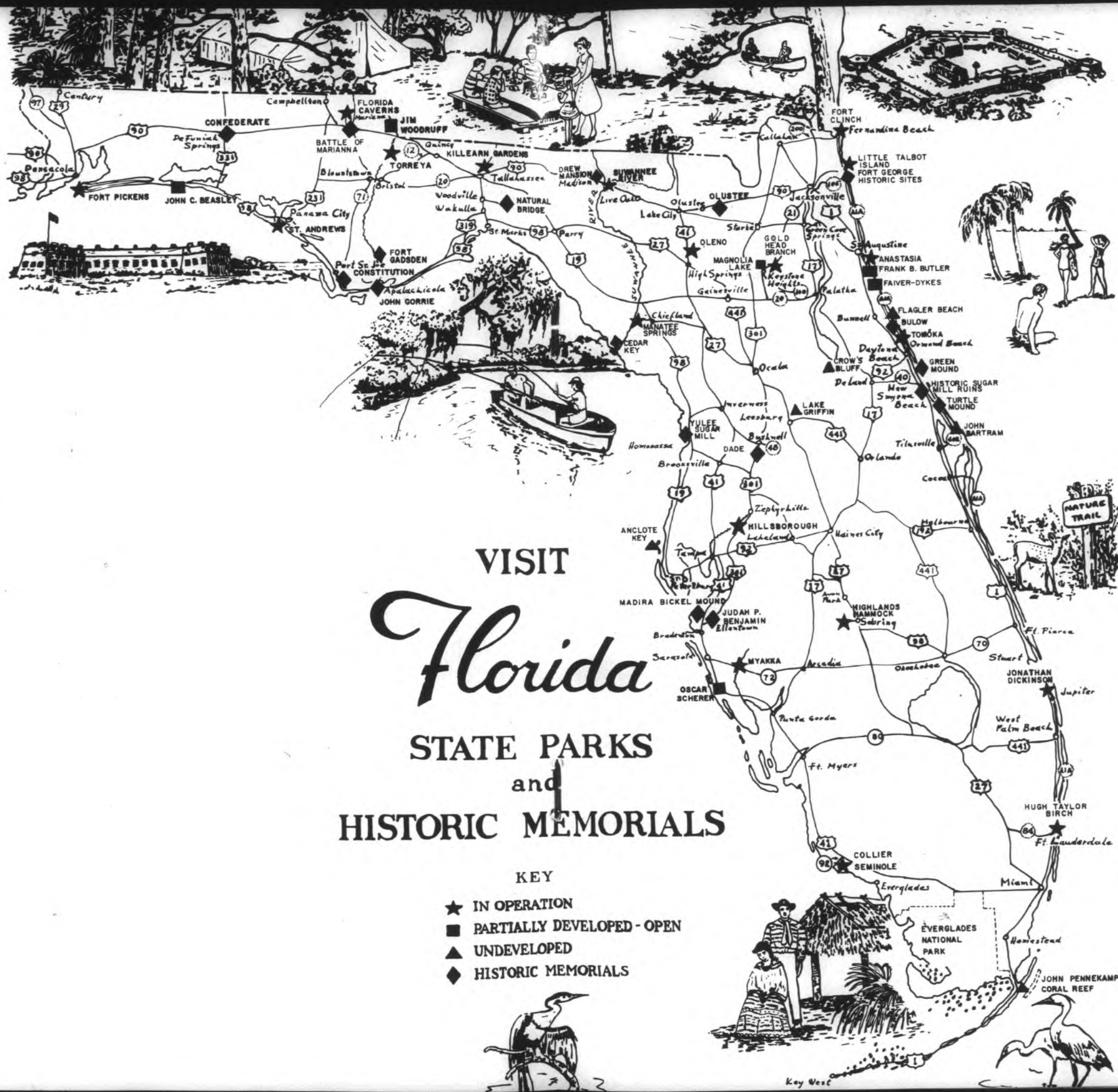
One of the most beautiful Historic Memorials is the Gamble Mansion near Ellenton. Many artifacts and mementos of the Period in which Judah P. Benjamin lived are housed here.

NEW SMYRNA SUGAR MILL RUINS

Principle efforts expanded at this site during the biennium have been for general maintenance and improvement of the grounds.

Cedar trees, bay trees, Christmas berry trees, and a number of shrubs and flowers were planted. The grounds have been kept well groomed and attractive.

We feel our major need for this Historic Memorial is a truck shed and storage building.

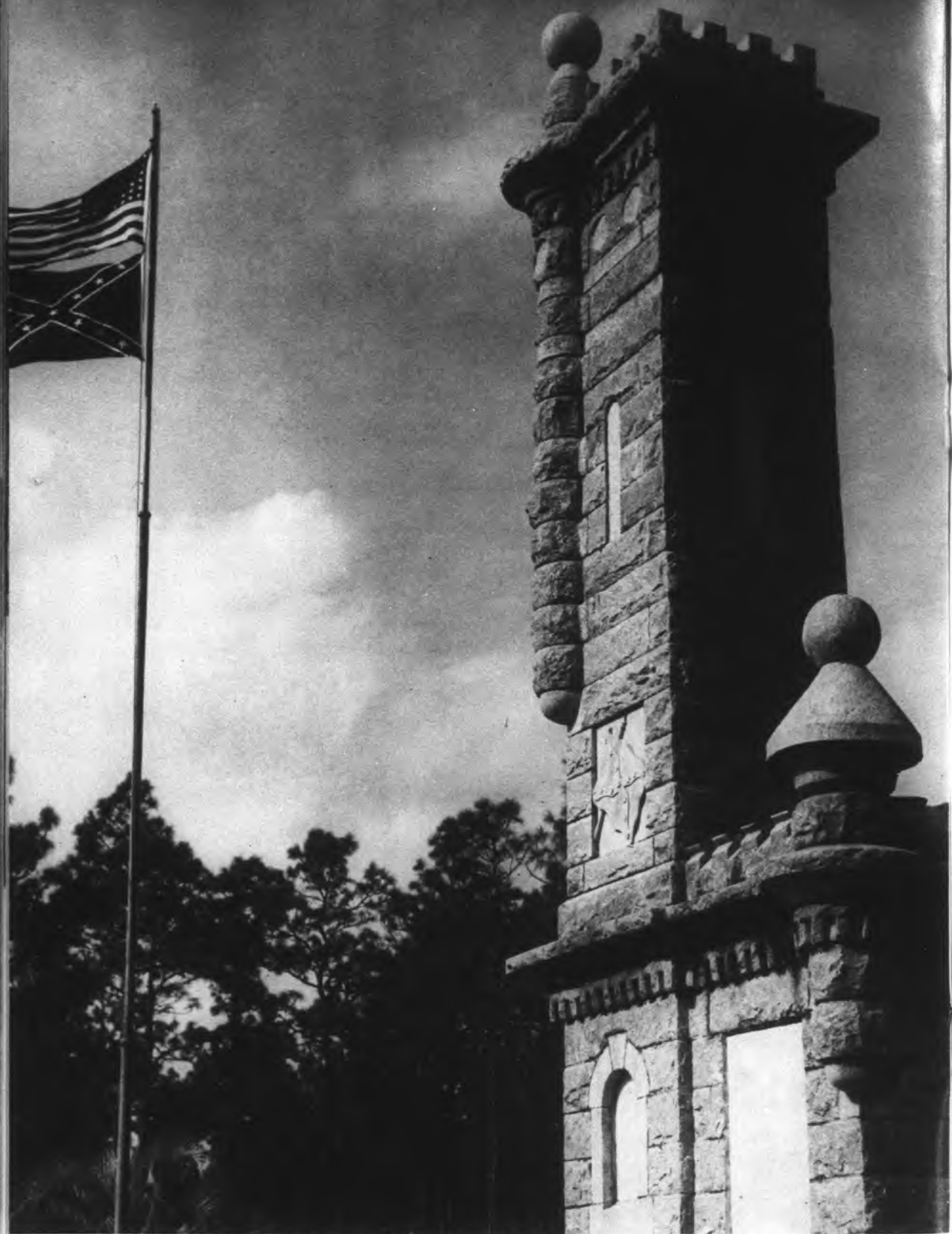


VISIT
Florida
STATE PARKS
and
HISTORIC MEMORIALS

KEY

- ★ IN OPERATION
- PARTIALLY DEVELOPED - OPEN
- ▲ UNDEVELOPED
- ◆ HISTORIC MEMORIALS





The Olustee Battlefield Memorial has taken on a special significance to residents of this State due to the Centennial Celebration of the War Between the States.

OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL

This Historic Memorial commemorates the major battle of the Civil War fought in Florida. It was on this site that the Confederate Forces repelled the Union attack and drove them back to Jacksonville. Union casualties were so great in this battle that it became known as the Second Dade Massacre among Federal Forces.

General maintenance has taken most of the time of the attendant at this Memorial and Museum. The bridge and fence overpass on the path to the battle lines were rebuilt, and the entrance road to the battlefield was completed.

Our most pressing needs at the Olustee Battlefield Memorial are rest rooms and a storage addition to the Museum.

YULEE SUGAR MILL RUINS

This historic memorial on Florida's Gulf Coast continues to attract many visitors traveling along U. S. 19. At this historic site they may picnic, using the facilities provided by the Park Service, and enjoy browsing through the limestone ruins of the mill and inspecting the remains of the machinery.

To add to the attractiveness and historical value of this memorial we need to fence in the area, provide rest rooms and restore the old mill machinery.



FISCAL BRANCH

Scheduled for installation about the first of June will be a battery of IBM accounting machines. This new equipment is expected to be a supplement to our present equipment and will serve to provide us with faster and more varied information than is now possible. This initial installation will consist of a key punch, a verifier, card sorter, collator, reproducing punch, and alphabetical accounting machine.

At the present we plan to train some of our present employees to operate the various pieces of equipment and to thereby eliminate the necessity of hiring additional outside personnel.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

Where the money came from and how it was used is shown on the following pages. Included also are our requests for the coming Biennium. We have broken these requests down by the various Parks and Historic Memorials and have outlined our needs on a priority basis.

Our budgets of the past several Legislatures have been pared greatly. We feel that many district needs have been neglected and our facilities have failed to even keep pace with the growth of attendance in our State Parks and Historic Memorials. The requests we have made of the 1961 Legislature are, we feel, the basic minimums necessary to bring our various areas up to our present-day needs. These requests have not been based on anticipated use but on the need as indicated for today.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1958 — June 30, 1959

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

Trust Account Control

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Cash Balance 6-30-58 | | \$ 55,287.94 |
| Receipts-Mdse. for Resale | \$ 100,886.62 | |
| Receipts-Other | 171,112.45 | |
| Receipts-State & Fed. Tax | 7,407.36 | |
| Receipts-Donation | 1,655.00 | |
| Receipts-Fire Replacement Fund | 800.00 | |
| Receipts-County Matching Funds | 9,194.75 | 291,056.18 |
| Total Available | | 346,344.12 |
| Less Cash Balance Fund 6-30-59 | | 86,652.82 |
| Net Available in Trust 1958-59 | | 259,691.30 |

Trust Fund

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries | | |
| Expense | 193,712.00 | |
| Fire Replacement Fund | 800.00 | |
| Capital Outlay | 67,008.29 | 261,520.29 |

General Revenue Appropriations

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Unexpended G/R Appropriation | 15,639.62 | |
| Salaries | 489,091.30 | |
| Expense | 182,306.00 | |
| Capital Outlay | 14,686.00 | |
| County Matching Funds | 9,194.75 | |
| State Park Fund | 86,190.80 | 797,108.47 |
| Grand Total Available | | 1,058,628.76 |

FUNDS EXPENDED

All Funds

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Salaries | 488,980.52 | |
| Wages | 80,056.30 | |
| Professional Services | 987.75 | |
| Contractual Services | 100,840.16 | |
| Materials and Supplies | 99,941.96 | |
| Current Charges and Obligations | 18,887.42 | |
| Capital Outlay | 194,952.93 | |
| Non-Operating | 71,903.54 | 1,056,550.58 |

RESERVES & BALANCES GENERAL REVENUE

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Salaries-Balance | 110.97 | 110.97 |
| Trust Fund | | |
| Expense-Balance | 1,909.81 | |
| Capital Outlay-Balance | 57.40 | 1,967.21 |
| GRAND TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED | | \$ 1,058,628.76 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1959 — June 30, 1960

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES

| Trust Account Controls | Amount | Sub-Totals |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash Balance 6-30-59 | | \$ 86,652.82 |
| Receipts-Mdse. for Resale | \$ 50,220.64 | |
| Receipts-Other | 210,680.60 | |
| Receipts-State & Fed. Tax | 6,122.78 | |
| Receipts-Fire Replacement Fund | 800.00 | 267,824.02 |
| Total Available | | 354,476.84 |
| Less Cash Balance Fund 6-30-60 | | 80,756.86 |
| Net Available in Trust 1959-60 | | 273,719.98 |
| Trust Fund | | |
| Salaries | 45,140.00 | |
| Expenses | 192,949.75 | |
| 3% Comptroller | 7,355.00 | |
| Capital Outlay | 69,052.73 | |
| Fire Replacement | 800.00 | 315,297.48 |
| General Revenue Appropriations | | |
| Salaries | 507,244.00 | |
| Expenses | 202,061.00 | |
| Capital Outlay | 38,805.00 | 748,110.00 |
| Grand Total Funds Available | | 1,063,407.48 |

FUNDS EXPENDED

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| All Funds | | |
| Salaries | 549,804.25 | |
| Wages | 15,705.91 | |
| Professional Services | 1,560.00 | |
| Contractual Services | 144,603.79 | |
| Materials and Supplies | 164,733.63 | |
| Current Charges & Obligations | 23,625.11 | |
| Capital Outlay | 106,334.31 | |
| Non-Operating | 42,851.76 | 1,049,218.76 |
| RESERVES & BALANCES | | |
| GENERAL REVENUE | | |
| Salaries-Balance | 1,307.75 | |
| Expenses-Balance | 46.66 | |
| Capital Outlay-Balance | 5,723.62 | 7,078.03 |
| Trust Fund | | |
| Expense-Balance | 4,361.93 | |
| Salaries-Balance | 2,533.09 | |
| Capital Outlay-Balance | 215.67 | 7,110.69 |
| GRAND TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED | | \$1,063,407.48 |

THE 1961 - 1963 BUDGET

The following is a memorandum sent to Governor Bryant on February 9, 1961, by the Board Chairman John Fite Robertson.

Memorandum

To: The Honorable C. Farris Bryant, Governor of Florida

From: John Fite Robertson, Chairman, Florida State Park Board

May I respectfully submit this memorandum to show that:

Florida's State Parks are money makers generating tax income far in excess of the amount requested in our budget and that this income can be further increased.

Also, that support of this Board's work can bring a new strength to the State's waning hold on tourism, our principal economy, while giving that economy a broader statewide scope.

PARKS COLLECT TAXES

Our parks have much to do with increasing the State's consumer tax income. The American Automobile Association reports that 85 per cent of Florida's 11,000,000 annual visitors come by automobile.

Responsible estimates are that these visitors contribute one-third of our \$119,638,635 gasoline tax, of our \$79,041,446 beverage and cigarette tax, and of our \$171,335,229 sales and use taxes.

Thus they now pay approximately \$120,000,000 of the \$370,015, 310 total as well as a substantial part of the income from the race tracks which last year totaled \$26,609,331.

These consumer taxes are essentially voluntary taxes, easy to collect from people who, holiday bound, relax their sales resistance

They enable the tourist or recreation seeker to pay his share of the taxes, a circumstance that has kept the tax burden of Florida residents nominal and the state's finances sound despite the absence of inheritance and income taxes.

(In addition to this tax stimulation the State Parks will produce approximately \$284,000 of their budget needs in this fiscal year through the sale of foods and materials and from parking charges.)

MANY SEEK RECREATION

Recreation has become a major universal value, its seekers have multiplied enormously and the competition for their dollars has become strenuous.

This situation has been stimulated because man's free time is expanding enormously.

One hundred years ago he averaged 68 hours a week at work, 16 hours of leisure.

By 1900 the working hours had been reduced to 50; free time had risen to 34 hours.

Today the average of working hours is 40 with 44 of leisure. The balance is slowly being tilted further in favor of leisure.

In addition to which recreational needs have been enormously enlarged by: faster transportation, five day work weeks, paid



Overnight camping in our State Parks has multiplied ten times during the last decade. We are badly in need of expanded camping facilities in all our State Parks.

vacations, earlier retirements, longer life spans and the increasing growth of metropolitan living which has created in the city dweller an eternal desire to get out of doors, into the country.

TOURIST ECONOMY VULNERABLE

Florida, first to recognize tourism and recreation as strong contributors to a sound economy long had a near monopoly, but now our leadership is threatened

Foreign countries and far away places in our own country—including Hawaii and Alaska—have “zeroed in” on this bonanza.

Many of those who formerly came here by plane and train, then rented automobiles to get around, as well as those who drove here, now are “overflying” us.

In 1959, 1,500,000 Americans went overseas; 700,000 to Europe and the Mediterranean; 15,000 to Soviet Russia.

Preliminary figures indicate that all these totals were doubled in 1960. American tourists spent \$2.4 billion in foreign travel in 1959. The 1960 figure may reach five billion dollars.

Many of these are recreation seekers who formerly came to Florida, and who can be induced to return, with countless others, if we provide the kind of attractions which appeal to them.

We have an abundance of such attractions in our park system, but lack of facilities keep some of them closed, while inadequate facilities reduce the appeal of others

THE CHALLENGE

It isn't too late to meet the challenge, but it soon could be. For instance, one of the great upsurges of the times has been in overnight camping in tents and trailers.

Last year the number of overnight attendance in our state parks was 288,142. Other states with a lesser stake in tourism have done much better: New York with 2,100,000; Michigan 2,000,000; California 1,500,000. Pennsylvania, Washington, Connecticut, Oregon and Wisconsin had 500,000 or more each; Ohio, Massachusetts, and Indiana more than 300,000. In all, 21 states had more overnight visitors.

Not one of these states has better natural conditions to attract

this type of tax-paying pleasure seeker than does Florida; most are markedly inferior.

Our annual expenditures on our State Parks are some \$700,000 below the national average. Is it any wonder then that our 3,260,129 attendance of happy consumer-tax-paying, money-spending residents and visitors in 1959—the latest year for which complete comparisons are available—shows us 21st in the list when we should be first?

OFFERS STATEWIDE PROSPERITY

Florida' Park System affords the best opportunity for expanding the tourist economy to statewide proportions. Every additional mile he travels or hour he stays, the visitor adds to the state's consumer tax income and to its business prosperity.

Many of the more attractive State Parks properties are in the northern tier of counties, extending from Fernandina in Nassau County to Pensacola in Escambia

Included are ancient forts, caves, dunes, a golf course, formal gardens, springs, beaches, boating and fishing facilities, the disappearing Santa Fe River and a number of Civil War areas and memorials such as Natural Bridge monument here at Tallahassee and Olustee monument in Baker County not far from Lake City, not to mention the most historic city in the United States—St. Augustine—where attractive Anastasia Island State Park will witness our statewide Quadricentennial observance.

In this area, too, as well as in other sections of the state are being preserved old mansions and homes of great sentimental and historic importance. Many of these parks afford visitors an opportunity to see wild and semi-wild animals, native of Florida in their natural surroundings, and nearly all are bird sanctuaries.

At Highlands Hammock State Park, Sebring, we have an elevated walk that reaches into a cypress swamp, and there is a laurel oak that was 500 years old when Columbus discovered America. There are Indian mounds, old sugar mills, and plantations, all of which, properly developed and exploited, would greatly increase the number of visitors seeking them out.

Up to now Florida has failed to evaluate these possessions at their true potential; has not recognized the appeal they have

for residents and visitors when made properly available and exploited.

More than two years ago the Honorable J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., Governor of Virginia, said of Williamsburg, the historic restoration which John D. Rockefeller helped to finance at a cost in excess of \$62,000,000:

"Had Virginia not had the benefit of this munificence and instead had undertaken this project on its own, all the money invested in it would have been recovered from the added gasoline taxes alone which it had generated up to that time."

Nor are Florida's State Park properties—there are 56 of them embracing more than 120,000 acres and valued in excess of \$150 million—attractive to visitors alone. They present a completely rounded recreational program for our people who, using them, happily pay the sales and use taxes involved in their holidays.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 1961 SESSION

OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Summary of Proposed Expenditures For Salaries, Expenses and Operating
Capital Outlay, For the Biennium 1961-63)

| Fund | Requested Fiscal Year | Requested Fiscal Year | Total Biennium |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| General Revenue Fund | | | |
| General Appropriation Act: | 1961-62 | 1962-63 | 1961-63 |
| Salaries | \$ 893,247 | \$ 982,480 | \$1,875,727 |
| Expenses | 414,051 | 398,789 | 812,840 |
| Operating Capital Outlay | 135,070 | 32,715 | 167,785 |
| Total General Revenue Appropriations | 1,442,368 | 1,413,984 | 2,856,352 |
| Trust Funds | | | |
| State Park Fund, Chapter 25353 | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 64,392 | \$ 65,592 | \$ 129,984 |
| Expenses | 109,182 | 110,000 | 219,182 |
| Operating Capital Outlay | 100,000 | 136,675 | 236,675 |
| Total Trust Funds | 273,574 | 312,267 | 585,841 |
| GRAND TOTAL—ALL FUNDS | 1,715,942 | 1,726,251 | 3,442,193 |
| Recapitulation—All Funds | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 957,639 | \$1,048,072 | \$2,005,711 |
| Expenses | 523,233 | 508,789 | 1,032,022 |
| Operating Capital Outlay | 235,070 | 169,390 | 404,460 |
| GRAND TOTAL—ALL FUNDS | \$1,715,942 | \$1,726,251 | \$3,442,193 |

BUDGET REQUEST
FOR THE 1961 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

| Priority | Designation | Total Estimated Cost |
|----------|-------------|----------------------------|
|----------|-------------|----------------------------|

ANASTASIA STATE PARK

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Tie-in to City Water Supply | \$ 12,000 |
| 2. | Fence | 4,000 |
| 3. | Addition to Truck Shelter | 5,000 |
| 4. | Duplex Picnic Shelters (5) | 3,500 |
| 5. | Complete camping area installation | 35,000 |
| 6. | Gatehouse and Office (Camping Area) | 8,000 |
| 7. | Residence | 15,500 |
| 8. | Dredging Fresh Water Lakes | 35,000 |
| 9. | Incinerator | 1,500 |
| | Total | \$ 119,500 |

ANCLOTE KEY STATE PARK

| | | |
|----|--|------------|
| 1. | Boat and Barge for Transportation and Work | \$ 15,000 |
| 2. | Renovation of Two Existing Buildings | 20,000 |
| 3. | Rain Water Supply System | 10,000 |
| 4. | Power Plant | 10,000 |
| 5. | Dredging and Dockage | 50,000 |
| 6. | Complete Picnic and Rest Room Facilities | 25,000 |
| 7. | Equipment Shelter and Shop | 10,000 |
| 8. | Playground Equipment | 700 |
| | Total | \$ 140,700 |

BULOW PLANATION RUINS HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | | |
|----|------------|----------|
| 1. | Fence Area | \$ 4,500 |
| | Total | \$ 4,500 |

CEDAR KEY HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | | |
|----|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Expansion of Exhibit | \$ 5,000 |
| 2. | Landscaping | 5,000 |
| 3. | Dredging | 25,000 |
| 4. | Residence | 15,500 |
| 5. | Waterfront Improvements | 10,000 |
| | Total | \$ 60,500 |

COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Water System | \$ 6,000 |
| 2. Entrance and Gate | 5,000 |
| 3. Residence | 15,500 |
| 4. Equipment Shelter and Shop Type II | 7,000 |
| 5. Headquarters and Visitors Center | 19,000 |
| 6. Dredging | 60,000 |
| 7. Boat Docking Facilities | 40,000 |
| 8. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| 9. Landscaping | 2,500 |
| Total | <u>\$ 156,500</u> |

CONSTITUTION CONVENTION HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Museum Addition | \$ 25,000 |
| 2. Exhibit Expansion | 10,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 35,000</u> |

DADE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Storage Addition to Recreation Building | \$ 4,000 |
| 2. Picnic Pavilions (2) Type II | 8,000 |
| 3. Entrance and Gate | 5,000 |
| 4. Residence | 15,500 |
| Total | <u>\$ 32,500</u> |

DREW MANSION HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Continue Restoration | \$ 50,000 |
| 2. Fence | 5,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 55,000</u> |

FALLING WATERS STATE PARK

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Rest Rooms | \$ 12,000 |
| 2. Picnic Pavilion | 5,000 |
| 3. Water Supply | 5,000 |
| 4. Boundary Fence | 2,500 |
| 5. Overlook Platform and Walk | 3,000 |
| 6. Chain Link Safety Barrier | 1,500 |
| 7. Playground Equipment | 750 |
| 8. Storage and Equipment Shelter | 6,500 |
| 9. Residence | 15,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 51,750 |

FLAGLER BEACH STATE PARK

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Water Supply | \$ 11,000 |
| 2. Combination Pavilion and Rest Rooms | 25,000 |
| 3. Picnic Facilities | 8,000 |
| 4. Residence | 15,500 |
| 5. Picnic Area Rest Rooms | 15,000 |
| 6. Entrance and Fence | 6,000 |
| 7. Dredging | 8,000 |
| 8. Boat Ramp | 5,000 |
| 9. Camping Area Complete | 25,000 |
| 10. Equipment Shelter and Shop Type II | 8,000 |
| 11. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 128,000 |

FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Campers Shelter | \$ 5,000 |
| 2. Combination Pavilion and Rest Rooms | 20,000 |
| 3. Picnic Area Rest Rooms (New Area) | 15,000 |
| 4. Residence | 15,500 |
| 5. Golf Club House and Pro Shop | 20,000 |
| 6. Add Nine Holes to Golf Course | 32,000 |
| 7. Entrance Station and Office | 10,000 |
| 8. Picnic Pavilion (Colored) Type III | 6,000 |
| 9. Work Shop and Equipment Shelter Type III | 8,000 |
| 10. Repairs to Administration Building | 5,000 |
| 11. Barbecue Pit and Shelter | 4,000 |
| 12. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 142,000 |

FORT CLINCH STATE PARK


| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Camping Area Complete | \$ 35,000 |
| 2. Picnic Pavilions (2) Type II | 8,000 |
| 3. Fort Sea Wall | 100,000 |
| 4. Repairs to Fort | 20,000 |
| 5. Residence | 15,500 |
| 6. Entrance Station and Office | 10,000 |
| 7. Barracks Reconstruction | 50,000 |
| 8. Picnic Area Expansion | 15,000 |
| 9. Rest Rooms at Fort | 10,000 |
| 10. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 11. Interpretive Museum | 15,000 |
| 12. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| Total | <u>\$ 285,000</u> |

FORT GADSDEN HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Fence | \$ 3,000 |
| 2. Museum | 20,000 |
| 3. Musuem Exhibit | 5,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 28,000</u> |

FORT GEORGE HISTORIC SITES

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Public Rest Rooms (Kingsley) | \$ 10,000 |
| 2. Residence (Kingsley) | 15,500 |
| 3. Furnishings for Kingsley House | 6,000 |
| 4. Fence Muncilla Area | 2,000 |
| 5. Acquisition (Residence Kingsley Area) | 7,500 |
| 6. Acquisition Slave Quarters | 10,000 |
| 7. Bedroom Addition (Rollins) | 3,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 54,000</u> |



FORT PICKENS STATE PARK

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Residence at Entrance | \$ 15,500 |
| 2. Additional Campers Rest Rooms | 15,000 |
| 3. Combination Building at Fort | 40,000 |
| 4. Pavilion and Rest Rooms at Colored Area | 15,000 |
| 5. Carport at Superintendent's Residence | 2,000 |
| 6. Repairs and Safety Installations at Fort | 20,000 |
| 7. Barbecue Pit and Shelter (2) | 8,000 |
| 8. Toilets and Showers (Boy and Girl Scouts) | 10,000 |
| 9. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 10. Duplex Picnic Shelters (30) | 21,000 |
| 11. Entranceway | 4,000 |
| 12. Equipment Shelter and Shop Type III | 8,000 |
| 13. Incinerator | 1,500 |

Total \$ 165,000

FRANK B. BUTLER STATE PARK

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Picnic Pavilions (2) Type I | \$ 6,000 |
| 2. Dredging (West Area) | 5,000 |
| 3. Boat Launching Facilities | 5,000 |
| 4. Land Acquisition | 10,000 |

Total \$ 26,000

GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK

| | |
|--|----------|
| 1. Replace Water Tank | \$ 7,000 |
| 2. Rest Room at Lower Picnic Area | 12,000 |
| 3. Expansion of Camping Area (Complete) | 35,000 |
| 4. New Picnic Facilities at Sheeler Lake | 25,000 |
| 5. Residence at Gate | 15,500 |
| 6. Work Shop | 8,000 |
| 7. Duplex Picnic Shelters (10) | 7,000 |
| 8. Incinerator | 1,500 |

Total \$ 111,000

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Camping Area Expansion (Complete) | \$ 35,000 |
| 2. Rest Rooms (Amphitheater) | 10,000 |
| 3. Water Lines (To Pond) | 3,500 |
| 4. Addition to Superintendent's Residence | 2,500 |
| 5. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 6. Picnic Pavilion | 10,000 |
| 7. Addition to Refreshment Building | 5,000 |
| 8. Incinerator | 1,500 |

Total \$ 72,500

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Camping Area Expansion (Complete) | \$ 35,000 |
| 2. Entrance and Gatehouse | 12,000 |
| 3. Residence | 15,500 |
| 4. Equipment Shelter and Shop | 8,000 |
| 5. Addition to Day Camp Building | 9,000 |
| 6. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 7. Boy Scout Rest Rooms | 8,000 |
| 8. Renovation of Existing Residence | 5,000 |
| 9. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 99,000 |

HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Sprinkler System | \$ 20,000 |
| 2. Duplex Picnic Shelters (4) | 2,800 |
| 3. Residence Renovation | 9,000 |
| 4. Entranceway and Gate | 5,000 |
| 5. Picnic Area Rest Rooms | 12,000 |
| 6. Fencing (Aluminum Chain Link) | 7,500 |
| 7. Picnic Pavilion | 5,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 61,300 |

JIM WOODRUFF STATE PARK

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Residence | \$ 15,500 |
| 2. Duplex Picnic Shelters (20) | 14,000 |
| 3. Camping Area Complete | 35,000 |
| 4. Equipment Shelter and Shop | 8,000 |
| 5. Entrance Station and Office | 15,000 |
| 6. Boat Launching Facilities (White and Colored) | 20,000 |
| 7. Swimming Facilities (White and Colored) | 10,000 |
| 8. Fence North Area | 3,000 |
| 9. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 122,000 |

JOHN C. BEASLEY STATE PARK

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Planting in Parking Area | \$ 1,000 |
| 2. Duplex Picnic Shelters (4) | 2,800 |
| 3. Boardwalk to Beach | 3,500 |
| 4. Flag Pole and Base | 500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 7,800 |

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Expand Camping Facilities | \$ 25,000 |
| 2. Residence | 15,500 |
| 3. Picnic Pavilions (2) | 10,000 |
| 4. Barbecue Pit Shelter | 4,000 |
| 5. Fence (5 Miles) | 4,500 |
| 6. Youth Group Facilities | 50,000 |
| 7. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| 8. Water Supply (New Area) | 5,000 |
| 9. Picnic Pavilion (New Area) | 6,000 |
| 10. Picnic Area Rest Rooms | 10,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 131,500</u> |

JUDAH P. BENJAMIN HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Carport and Storage Addition to Residence | \$ 1,500 |
| 2. Tool Storage and Truck Shed | 2,500 |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,000</u> |

KILLEARN GARDENS STATE PARK

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Visitors Educational Center | \$ 12,000 |
| 2. Residence | 15,500 |
| 3. Park Service Headquarters Building | 78,000 |
| 4. Sprinkler System Expansion | 15,000 |
| 5. Duplex Picnic Shelters (4) | 2,800 |
| 6. Garden Expansion | 10,000 |
| 7. Gatehouse and Entrance | 12,000 |
| 8. Surfacing Main Walkway | 10,000 |
| 9. Large Picnic Pavilion | 6,000 |
| 10. Barbecue and Shelter | 4,000 |
| 11. Remodel Cottages for Residence | 7,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 172,300</u> |

LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Boat Launching Facilities | \$ 5,000 |
| 2. Dock | 10,000 |
| 3. Combination Pavilion and Rest Rooms | 20,000 |
| 4. Water Supply | 5,000 |
| 5. Fence | 3,000 |
| 6. Entranceway and Office | 12,000 |
| 7. Residence | 15,500 |
| 8. Duplex Picnic Shelters (10) | 7,000 |
| Total | <u>\$ 77,500</u> |

NORTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Duplex Picnic Shelters (30) | \$ 21,000 |
| 2. Rest Rooms (Playground Area) | 12,000 |
| 3. Entranceway and Road | 50,000 |
| 4. Office, Headquarters and Well | 16,000 |
| 5. Residence at Gate | 15,500 |
| 6. Rest Rooms at South End and Well | 16,000 |
| 7. Incinerator | 1,500 |
| 8. Fishing Pier | 100,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 232,000 |

SOUTH LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Duplex Residence | \$ 20,000 |
| 2. First Aid Center | 4,000 |
| 3. Pavilions (2) @ \$5,000 each | 10,000 |
| 4. Duplex Shelters (10) | 7,000 |
| 5. Youth Group Facilities and Water Supply | 75,000 |
| 6. Boat Dock Facilities | 15,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 131,000 |

MAGNOLIA LAKE STATE PARK

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Water System | \$ 6,000 |
| 2. Residence | 15,500 |
| 3. Combination Building | 25,000 |
| 4. Picnic Facilities | 3,000 |
| 5. Entrance and Gatehouse | 12,000 |
| 6. Equipment Shelter and Shop | 8,000 |
| 7. Dock Near Swimming Area | 5,000 |
| 8. Picnic Pavilion | 5,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 79,500 |

MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Equipment Shelter and Shop | \$ 8,000 |
| 2. Camping Area Complete | 35,000 |
| 3. Pavilion | 5,000 |
| 4. Barbecue Pit and Shelter | 4,000 |
| 5. Spring Overlook and Walkway | 3,000 |
| 6. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 7. Acquisition | 10,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 70,000 |

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms at Upper Lake | \$ 15,000 |
| 2. Visitors Center and Museum | 24,000 |
| 3. Entrance Way (North and South) | 8,000 |
| 4. Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms (Colored) | 15,000 |
| 5. Concession Addition | 5,000 |
| 6. Residence at North Gate | 15,500 |
| 7. Equipment Shelter and Shop | 8,000 |
| 8. Complete Camping Area Installation | 35,000 |
| 9. Picnic Area and Rest Rooms at North Gate | 25,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 150,500 |

NEW SMYRNA SUGAR MILL HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Truck Shed and Storage | \$ 2,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 2,000 |

O'LENO STATE PARK

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Girls Bathhouse | \$ 12,000 |
| 2. Complete Camping Area Installation | 35,000 |
| 3. Group Camp Cabins (10) | 25,000 |
| 4. Leaders Cabin | 2,000 |
| 5. Office and Staff Headquarters (Group Camp) | 8,000 |
| 6. Entrance | 4,000 |
| 7. Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms | 15,000 |
| 8. Nature Center Additions to Office | 6,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 107,000 |

OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Rest Rooms and Storage Addition to Museum | \$ 12,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 12,000 |

OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Water System | \$ 4,000 |
| 2. Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms (White & Colored) | 30,000 |
| 3. Residence | 15,500 |
| 4. Equipment Shelter and Shop | 8,000 |
| 5. Fence, Entrance and Gatehouse | 12,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 69,500 |

PELLICER CREEK STATE PARK

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Residence | \$15,500 |
| 2. Water System | 5,000 |
| 3. Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms | 15,000 |
| 4. Boat Ramp | 5,000 |
| 5. Fence | 8,000 |
| 6. Entrance, Gate and Gatehouse | 12,000 |
| 7. Dredging | 8,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 68,500 |

ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms (New Area) | \$ 15,000 |
| 2. Equipment Shelter and Shop | 12,000 |
| 3. Residence | 15,500 |
| 4. Infirmary for Group Camp | 10,000 |
| 5. Pavilions (2 for Colored Area) | 8,000 |
| 6. Office Addition to Entrance Station | 3,500 |
| 7. Extend Service Area of White Concession | 5,000 |
| 8. Addition to Beach Boardwalk | 500 |
| 9. Duplex Picnic Shelters (10 White, 6 Colored) | 11,200 |
| 10. Boat Shelter for Patrol Boat | 1,500 |
| 11. Campers Shelter | \$ 5,000 |
| 12. Addition to Water System | 500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 87,700 |

SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Residence | \$ 15,500 |
| 2. Picnic Pavilions (2) | 8,000 |
| 3. Duplex Shelters (4) | 2,800 |
| 4. Barbecue Pit and Shelter | 4,000 |
| 5. Entrance and Gate | 4,000 |
| 6. Fencing | 5,000 |
| 7. Work Shop and Equipment Shelter | 8,000 |
| 8. Acquisition | 10,000 |
| 9. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 10. Additional Parking | 20,000 |
| 11. Colored Picnic Pavilion and Rest Rooms | 15,000 |
| 12. Swimming Facilities | 10,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 107,300 |

TOMOKA STATE PARK

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Camping Area Expansion | \$ 20,000 |
| 2. Picnic Pavilions (2 Colored) | 8,000 |
| 3. Equipment Shelter | 5,000 |
| 4. Campers Shelter | 5,000 |
| 5. Fence (South Line) | 1,500 |
| 6. Office Addition to Gatehouse | 3,000 |
| 7. Residence (at Indian Mound) | 15,500 |
| 8. Fence at Indian Mound | 8,000 |
| 9. Interpretive Signs (At Ormond's Tomb & Indian Mound) | 500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 66,500 |

TORREYA STATE PARK

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Residence | \$ 15,500 |
| 2. Entranceway, Gate and Gatehouse Office | 12,000 |
| 3. Picnic Pavilion | 3,000 |
| 4. Duplex Shelters (10) | 7,000 |
| 5. Trailside Museum | 500 |
| 6. Fencing | 3,500 |
| 7. First Aid Room | 1,000 |
| 8. Colored Picnic Facilities and Rest Rooms | 15,000 |
| 9. Water Lines | 2,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 60,000 |

TURTLE MOUND HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Residence | \$ 15,500 |
| 2. Water Supply | 2,500 |
| 3. Museum and Rest Rooms | 18,000 |
| 4. Fencing | 1,000 |
| 5. Steps and Observation Platform | 5,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 42,000 |

YULEE SUGAR MILL HISTORIC MEMORIAL

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Fence | \$ 1,000 |
| 2. Rest Rooms | 8,000 |
| 3. Restoration of Machinery | 5,000 |
| Total | <hr/> \$ 14,000 |

TO BE FINANCED FROM:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Appropriations from General Revenue Fund | \$3,642,350 |
| Other Sources (List): | |
| See Note Below | |

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY \$3,642,350

Note: Under the provisions of Chapter 30294, Statutes of 1955, Volusia County will match state funds for buildings and improvements. Volusia County has indicated to us that they will match up to a maximum of \$80,000 for the 1961-63 Biennium.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

A New Step is Taken

The Information and Education Branch entered a new era of public relations during the past biennium with the advent of the Florida Park Service's first motion picture. The movie, "Florida's State Parks Invite You," is a 16mm. color and sound film depicting a typical family's visits to parks in Northeast Florida.

Written and filmed by George Crutcher of the General Extension Division of the University of Florida, the movie includes visits to Manatee Springs State Park, O'Leno State Park, Olustee Battlefield Memorial, Gold Head Branch State Park, Little Talbot Island State Park and Fort Clinch State Park. Former Park Superintendent James Work, Mrs. Work, their daughter and son and Carl Gillen's son portray the main characters of the film. Carl Gillen is superintendent at Fort Clinch State Park. The film lasts approximately twenty-two minutes.

The movie has been shown widely over the State. Professional groups, civic clubs, educational groups and many others have viewed the film. Copies of the movie will be made available to the Film Library at the University of Florida for distribution to schools and other groups all over the State. Additional copies are also scheduled for the Florida Development Commission Film Library for distribution outside of Florida.

Present plans call for similar films of parks in other sections of the State. One film is under production which will feature

the parks of Central Florida. This movie was expected to be available early in the Spring.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PERSONNEL

The untimely passing of Mr. C. H. Schaeffer, Chief of the Branch, resulted in curtailment of the activities of the department until a replacement could be secured. The Board felt the duties of the office were great enough to call for a Merit System Rating of Information Specialist II. The search for a replacement was delayed until approval for this higher rating could be obtained. Walter Coldwell, who was then serving as Assistant Director, assumed the responsibilities on a part-time basis during the interim. In July, Ralph S. Hager was appointed to the office.

HISTORIC MARKERS

Because of the previously mentioned circumstances, the program of erecting Historic Markers throughout the State was greatly delayed. The first marker was dedicated in October, 1960. The marker commemorates the old United States Arsenal located on the grounds of what is now the State Hospital in Chattahoochee. The marker was donated by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Work is now underway for the erection of markers in nearly every county by the end of the biennium. An agreement has been worked out with the History Department of Florida State University whereby professors of that department will prepare texts for the markers. The first of the makers under this stepped-up program were scheduled to be ordered early in February.

The Florida Park Service is also working closely with various Historical Societies throughout the State with regard to the erection of markers. The St. Johns Historic Society in St. Augustine has ordered and erected a marker commemorating the old Spanish Quarries. The Jacksonville Historic Society and the Tallahassee Historic Society have both pledged assistance in the preparation of marker texts. Every effort is being made to cooperate with all local organizations in the preparation of these markers and to eliminate any chance of duplication.

The markers, as specified by the Board, are of cast aluminum and have green backgrounds and gold lettering. The seal of the

State of Florida appears at the top of the markers in full color. The markers are mounted on concrete and aluminum posts. The State Road Department has generously cooperated with the Park Service by providing cut-outs to enable motorists to drive off the highway to read the marker texts.

The policy adopted by the Board with regard to the markers is as follows:

I. Selection of Sites

- A. Only sites and buildings of national or state importance shall be marked initially by the State. The importance of the sites or buildings shall be determined by the History Departments of the University of Florida or Florida State University.
- B. No sites commemorating living persons shall be marked by the State.
- C. Sites selected for marking shall be checked historically by either the History Department of the University of Florida or Florida State University and be approved by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials before the markers are ordered and erected. Where placed on State and Federal Highways the approval of the State Road Department shall be obtained regarding location, turnouts, and approach markers.

II. Markers and Posts

- A. Markers erected shall be of cast aluminum.
- B. They shall have the State Seal at the top.
- C. They shall have the words Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials at the bottom in small letters.
- D. Each shall be numbered.
- E. Ornamental posts shall be used for mounting markers and shall, where needed, be set in concrete. Where desirable and in towns and cities the markers may be fastened to structures.
- F. Markers shall correspond in design to that used for the McClure's Hill marker.
- G. The colors shall be: green background, gold lettering, if considered by the Director to be practical, and

those of the State Seal as on the Florida State Flag.

- H. The usual size shall be 42 inches wide, by 37 inches high at the shoulders. However, where a small or narrower size is indicated they may be smaller to suit conditions such as in towns or cities.
- I. Approach markers shall be provided and turnouts should be requested where needed.

III. Wording

- A. The wording on each marker shall be approved by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials after having been prepared by the head of the History Department of a college or university in Florida, or a historic authority acceptable to the Board.
- B. Wording on markers shall, wherever practical, consist of a title in large letters to enable a person to read them without actually stopping a car. The balance of the wording may be in smaller letters.
- C. Donors of markers shall have the privilege of attaching a small bronze sign to the sign post stating who gave the marker.

Adopted by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials—
October 5, 1959

THE WRITTEN WORD

Many magazines, newspapers, house organs, and other media have been generous in providing space for articles relating to our Parks and Historic Memorials. Every Park and nearly every Historic Memorial received editorial mention in newspapers throughout Florida during the biennium. News releases emanating from the Florida Park Service have been generously received by our State's newspapers. Much credit must be given to the wire services, the Associated Press and the United Press, for their cooperation in dispatching news releases of Park Service activities.

It has been the desire of the Florida Park Service to provide news releases of quality rather than quantity. It has been proven that editors are more prone to use an occasional newsworthy and well written article than a large number of releases that do not contain important and timely information.

The Florida Park Service is also indebted to a large number

of free lance writers who have prepared articles and features on our State Parks. We have tried to cooperate with these individuals to the fullest by providing them with facts, figures and pictures.

The Florida Development Commission's News Bureau has been active in the preparing of Park articles for out-of-state distribution. These articles have been sent to travel editors of some of the largest newspapers in the nation with circulations in the millions. We are looking forward to cooperating even more closely with the Development Commission in the dissemination of articles to out-of-state periodicals.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SLIDES

The Florida Park Service continued its program of maintaining a complete collection of color slides and black and white photographs of all major scenes and attractions of our Parks. Ralph Hager has assumed the responsibilities of serving as official photographer for the Park Service. We have, however, seen fit to obtain pictures from the Florida Development Commission and from private individuals when necessary. All area Supervisors now have 35MM slide projectors for use in illustrating talks before various groups.

One of the most recent photographic acquisitions of the Florida Park Service has been a 16mm sound motion picture projector for use with our new film. This projector, with its extension speaker, has proved highly successful for showings to groups of all sizes.

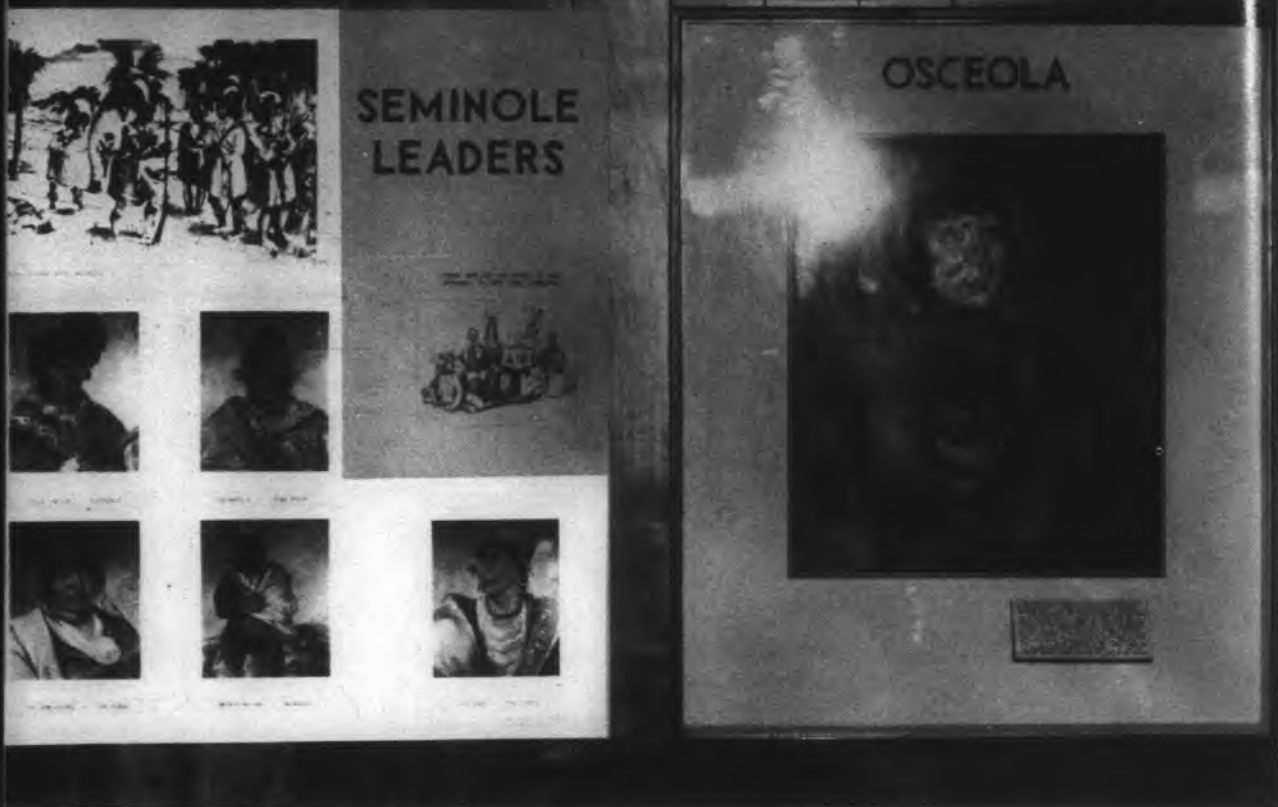
INFORMATION RESEARCH

While the biggest portion of the historical and factual research for material emanating from this office has been conducted by personnel of the Florida Park Service, various individuals and groups have contributed materially to this store of information. Dr. Mark Boyd of Tallahassee was very helpful and generous with his knowledge of historical facts, especially with regard to the text of the Old United States Arsenal historic marker at Chattahoochee.

The History Department of Florida State University has contributed immeasurably of its time in research and authentication of historical information. The Florida Park Service is also indebted to Dr. Rembert Patrick of the University of Florida



Persons visiting Collier-Seminole State Park are greeted by this impressive Memorial to Barron Collier. This Park is located near Naples.



DADE BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC MEMORIAL

Portraits of several famous Seminole leaders comprise one of the exhibits in the Museum at the Dade Battlefield Memorial near Bushnell. This State Memorial offers picnic and recreation facilities in addition to the Museum.

for his assistance and, of course, to the personnel of all the Parks who provided factual information for various projects. Much of our information of the Coral Reef was obtained from an article by Gilbert L. Voss in the **Sea Frontiers** magazine published by the Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami. Of course, there are numerous other individuals and agencies who contributed directly and indirectly to our supply of information.

BOTANICAL INFORMATION

Interpretive signs, articles and booklets relating to plants and wildlife found in our State Parks have been prepared, for the most part, by Miss Carol Beck, Park Service Botanist.

Miss Beck has been very active in cataloging plants in all Parks and recently prepared the text for a guide booklet for Highlands Hammock State Park. She has also been extremely active in making personal appearances throughout the state at Garden Club meetings, work conferences, youth conferences and many other similar gatherings.

FAIR EXHIBITS

One of the most effective means of reaching the public with our Park Story has been fair exhibits. Not only have we been successful in presenting graphic scenes of our Parks, but we have also been able to meet and talk with the public in person. This personal contact has proven very valuable in that we are able to do a much better selling job with the public.

We feel our fair exhibits have been most successful and productive. It goes without saying that the reason for this success has been as a result of the personnel of the parks who have manned the exhibits and have encountered the public. These men have indicated a genuine interest and enthusiasm to have people visit their Parks. It has been this personal interest that has made the task of preparing these exhibits a worthwhile project.

We have been able to participate in nearly every fair from which we received an invitation. We have felt it a privilege to participate and have done our best to present an exhibit that would be a credit to ourselves and to the fair.

The following is a list of fairs and expositions at which we exhibited:

| Fairs—Meetings—Conventions | Place | Exhibit | Year |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---|------|
| Columbia County Fair | Lake City | Florida Masterpieces | 1959 |
| Suwannee County Fair | Live Oak | Accordian doors & four blue crate photos | 1959 |
| Pensacola Interstate Fair | Pensacola | Battle of Santa Rosa Island & two blue crate photomurals (Fort Pickens & Caverns) | 1959 |
| Washington Postmasters | Washington | Florida Masterpieces | 1959 |
| North Florida Fair | Tallahassee | Accordian door & blue crate colored photomurals | 1959 |
| Greater Jacksonville Fair | Jacksonville | Accordian door & blue crate colored photomurals | 1959 |
| Columbia County Fair | Lake City | Slide Panel | 1960 |
| Florida State Fair | Tampa | Accordian Door | 1960 |
| Greater Jacksonville Fair | Jacksonville | Slide Panel | 1960 |
| Miami Metropolitan Fair | Miami | Accordian Door | 1960 |
| North Florida Fair | Tallahassee | Mannequin | 1960 |
| Postmasters Convention | Miami Beach | Slide Panel | 1960 |
| South Florida Fair & Exposition | W. Palm Bch. | Accordian Door | 1960 |
| Suwannee County Fair | Live Oak | Mannequin | 1960 |
| Florida State Fair | Tampa | Slide Panel | 1961 |
| Sarasota County Fair | Sarasota | Slide Panel | 1961 |
| South Florida Fair & Exposition | W. Palm Bch. | Slide Panel | 1961 |



Visitors from far and wide attend the annual United Daughters of the Confederacy Program at the Natural Bridge Historic Memorial.

FLORIDA PARK SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Brochures and pamphlets distributed by the Florida Park Service were numerous and varied. The brochures previously published by this office were reprinted and distributed to interested parties all over the continent. Inquiries were received at the rate of more than 500 a month for information about our Parks.

The Park Service is badly in need of a revised general brochure. Our present brochure, "Florida's State Parks Invite You," has proven extremely popular and has served its purpose well. However, we need a new brochure pointing up the many improvements made in recent years and featuring color pictures of some of our Park scenes. We also need to revise our Killearn Gardens folder utilizing the four-color process and vividly depicting the beauty of the Gardens in full bloom. A color brochure on the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park is also a necessity since we have been deluged with requests for information concerning this new area.

During the past biennium the Florida Park Service has published a handbook for Advisory Council members. The text for

this informative booklet was prepared by Dr. James T. Cook, Vice Chairman of the Board from Region I. As a supplement to this Handbook, a complete list of names and addresses of all Advisory Council members was prepared.

An innovation of the Florida Park Service during the last two years have been the pocket-size guide to all our State Parks. This guide has proven very popular with our guests and has been hailed as an excellent idea by other State Park Services.

A Ten-Year Statistics booklet was published depicting graphically and in words the vast growth of the Florida Park Service between 1952 and 1961. This limited edition was distributed only to the Governor, the Cabinet and members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

Through the efforts of Miss Beck, Park Service Botanist, a new Park interpretation idea was formulated. A booklet entitled, "The Big Oak Trail," has been prepared and explains the various features of many of the plants and trees of Highlands Hammock State Park. Miss Beck prepared the text and marked the trail to correspond with the items in the booklet. She has indicated that she plans to continue the program in other Parks.

This Office has endeavored to supply all Parks with mimeographed guide maps, as the needs for these become evident. It has become necessary for these maps to be revised as the Parks open new areas and improve old ones.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CREDITS

Photographs used in this publication were obtained from the following:

Florida Park Service

Florida Development Commission, State News Bureau

Burton McNeely, Tampa

FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS AND HISTORIC MEMORIALS
ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS

JULY 1, 1957, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1960

| Park or Historic Memorial | FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958 | | FISCAL YEAR 1958-1959 | | FISCAL YEAR 1959-1960 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | Attendance | Receipts | Attendance | Receipts | Attendance | Receipts |
| Administration | | \$ 31.46 | | \$ 41.40 | | \$ 12.10 |
| Anastasia State Park | 115,580 | 88.33 | 135,245 | 33.85 | 135,010 | 10.27 |
| Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic Mem. | 14,877 | 528.59 | 15,461 | 659.94 | 14,456 | 496.29 |
| Collier-Seminole State Park | 66,912 | 3,672.25 | 99,239 | 4,750.07 | 100,234 | 7,265.48 |
| Constitution Convention Historic Mem. | 10,352 | | 10,175 | 74.41 | 9,180 | 33.51 |
| Dade Battlefield Historic Memorial | 52,130 | 1,337.07 | 57,407 | 1,761.20 | 53,376 | 1,593.95 |
| Florida Caverns State Park | 56,845 | 32,076.80 | 57,414 | 32,976.66 | 70,188 | 36,210.29 |
| Fort Clinch State Park | 251,135 | 11,963.24 | 288,169 | 14,042.83 | 293,855 | 18,767.95 |
| Fort George Historic Sites** | 37,421 | 300.00 | 24,460 | 465.15 | 25,260 | 154.04 |
| Fort Pickens State Park | 232,395 | 26,703.79 | 267,839 | 32,730.95(5) | 303,301(1) | 20,720.10 |
| Gold Head Branch State Park | 99,009 | 21,745.76 | 147,893 | 26,717.81 | 166,109 | 28,904.35 |
| Highlands Hammock State Park | 69,355 | 12,051.30 | 85,197 | 14,720.89 | 98,812(6) | 18,955.51 |
| Hillsborough River State Park | 146,843 | 23,681.86 | 158,432 | 27,636.51 | 149,964 | 26,026.11 |
| Hugh Taylor Birch State Park | 832,825 | 59,239.91 | 823,267 | 54,376.44 | 658,705(7) | 22,815.87 |
| John C. Beasley State Park | | | | | 12,245(2) | 50.00 |
| Dr. John Gorrie Historic Memorial | 3,113 | 17.39 | 4,301 | 85.31 | 4,026 | 49.93 |
| Jonathan Dickinson State Park | 32,435 | 2,046.53 | 53,151 | 4,346.51 | 55,337 | 9,846.82 |
| Judah P. Benjamin Historic Memorial | 5,075 | 1,035.03 | 5,096 | 999.04 | 7,195 | 1,220.65 |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Killearn Gardens State Park | 17,622 | 5,621.15 | 96,734 | 8,146.00 | 125,918 | 7,039.87 |
| North Little Talbot Island State Park | 217,604 | 7,467.39 | 151,845 | 3,218.70 | 143,436(8) | 1,266.16 |
| South Little Talbot Island State Park | | | 85,170 | | 87,036 | 4,782.98 |
| Madira Bickel Mound Historic Mem. | 750 | | 900 | | 1,200* | |
| Magnolia Lake State Park | | | | | 2,413(3) | |
| Manatee Springs State Park | 37,778 | 4,677.01 | 49,147 | 6,567.39 | 52,472 | 8,648.61 |
| Myakka River State Park | 74,618 | 13,116.05 | 92,717 | 16,541.45 | 88,662(9) | 13,276.38 |
| Natural Bridge | 6,000 | — | 7,500 | — | 9,000* | — |
| New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins | 21,460 | — | 27,255 | — | 25,898 | — |
| O'Leno State Park | 37,098 | 5,298.34 | 41,580 | 6,473.55 | 42,016 | 5,056.33 |
| Olustee Battlefield Memorial | 10,406 | 28.95 | 10,453 | 42.68 | 11,105 | 31.78 |
| Oscar Scherer State Park | | | | | 2,500(4) | — |
| Pellicer Creek State Park | 1,250 | — | 1,500 | — | 2,000* | — |
| St. Andrews State Park | 227,618 | 16,090.29 | 232,019 | 18,444.58 | 255,399 | 17,593.80 |
| Suwannee River State Park | 32,058 | 975.84 | 40,492 | 1,596.74 | 54,683 | 1,973.34 |
| Tomoka State Park | 140,079 | 1,734.04 | 168,395 | 2,919.42 | 106,792 | 9,679.93 |
| Torrey State Park | 11,225 | 423.43 | 12,176 | 463.40 | 15,853 | 648.64 |
| Turtle Mound | 5,500 | — | 6,000 | — | 6,500* | — |
| Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins | 3,000 | — | 3,500 | 13.05 | 5,000* | 15.60 |
| TOTALS | 2,870,368 | \$251,951.80 | 3,260,129 | \$280,945.93 | 3,195,136 | \$263,146.64 |

* Office Estimate

** Includes Kingsley Plantation, John Rollins Bird Sanctuary, Huguenot Memo and Yellow Bluff Fort

(1) Includes Estimate of 50,000 using Park East of Gate.

(2) Park Opened March 1, 1960

(3) Park Opened April 1, 1960

(4) Park Opened June 1, 1960

(5) Concession Leased July 1, 1959

(6) Concession Leased Jan. 1, 1960

(7) Concession Leased June 1, 1959

(8) Concession Leased April 1, 1960

(9) Concession Leased July 1, 1959

(10) Concession Closed May 1, 1959

(11) Concession Leased May 22, 1958

USE AND FACILITIES

| Park | Exhibits or Museum | Fishing L-Lake S-Stream B-Beach | Bathhouse | R-Refresh- ments V-Vending Machines | Cabins Vacation | Picnic Facilities | Barbecue Pit | Rental Boats or Canoes | Boat Docks Ramp Fishing Pier |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Anastasia | | S-B | | | | X | | | D-R |
| Collier-Seminole | X | S | | V | | X | | | |
| Florida Caverns | X | S | | V | | | | | |
| Fort Clinch | X | B | | R | | X | | | R |
| Fort Pickens ² | X | B | B | R | | X | | | D-R |
| Gold Head Branch | | L | B | R | 14 | X | X | X | D-R |
| Highlands Hammock | X | S | | R | | X | X | | |
| Hillsborough River | X | L | B | R | | X | X | X | D |
| Hugh Taylor Birch | X | L | B | R | | X | X | | R |
| Killearn Gardens | | B-S | | V | | X | | | |
| North Little Talbot | | B-S | B | R | | X | | | P |
| South Little Talbot | | S | B | R | | X | | | D-R |
| Manatee Springs | | L-S | | V | 5 | X | | X | D |
| Myakka River ² | X | | | R | X ³ | X | X | X | D |
| O'Leno | X | S | B | V | | X | | | R-P ¹ |
| Faiver-Dykes | | S | | | | X | | | R |
| St. Andrews ² | | B | B ² | R | | X | | | R-D |
| Suwannee River | | S | | V | | X ² | X | | |
| Tomoka ² | | S | | V | | X | X | | |
| Torrey ⁴ | | S | | V | | X | X | | |
| Historic Memorials | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural Bridge | | S | | | | X | | | |
| Bulow Ruins | X | S | | V | | X | | | |
| Dade Battlefield | X | | | V | | X | X | | |
| Dr. John Gorrie | X | | | | | | | | |
| Gamble Mansion | X | | | | | | | | |
| Fort George | | S | | R ⁵ | | X ⁵ | | | R ⁵ |
| Olustee Battlefield | X | | | | | | | | |
| Constitution Monument | X | | | | | | | | |

1. Colored Only
2. White and Colored Areas

3. Early Spring, late Fall and Winter Use Only.
4. Bunkhouse Only
5. At Huguenot Memorial

USE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

| Park | Recreation Building | Trailer Camping | Day Camping | Tent Camping | Group Camping | Nature Trails | Swimming | Guides |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--------|
| Anastasia | | | X | | | X | 5 | |
| Collier-Seminole | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Florida Caverns | X | X | X | X | | X | 6 | X |
| Fort Clinch | X | X | X | X | | X | 5 | X |
| Fort Pickens ² | X | X | X | X | | | 5 | X |
| Gold Head Branch | X | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| Highlands Hammock | X | X | X | X | | X | 6 | X |
| Hillsborough River | X | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| Hugh Taylor Birch | X | | X | | X | X | X | |
| Killearn Gardens | | | | | | X | X | |
| North Little Talbot | X | | X | | | X | X | |
| South Little Talbot ¹ | X | | | | | | X | |
| Manatee Springs | | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| Myakka River ² | X | X | X | X | | X | | |
| O'Leno | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Faiver-Dykes | | | | X | | | | |
| St. Andrews ² | | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| Suwannee River | | X | X | X | | X | 5 | |
| Tomoka ² | X | X | X | X | | X | 6 | |
| Torrey | | X | X | X | 4 | X | | |
| Historic Memorials | | | | | | | | |
| Bulow Ruins | | | | | | | | X |
| Dade Battlefield | | | X | | | | | X |
| Dr. John Gorrie | | | | | | | | X |
| Gamble Mansion | | | | | | | | X |
| Fort George | | | | | | | | X |
| Olustee Battlefield | | | | | | | | X |
| Torrey | | | | | | | | X |

1. Colored Only

2. White and Colored Areas

4. Bunkhouse Only

5. Bathing permitted—no facilities

6. Bathing nearby—not in Park
No bathhouses at Hugh Taylor Birch,
Fort Pickens, Fort Clinch, Killearn
Gardens, or Anastasia

FLORIDA BOARD OF PARKS AND HISTORIC MEMORIALS

ATTENDANCE BY ACTIVITY

July 1, 1959 Thru June 30, 1960

| Park or Memorial | Cabins | Organized Campers (Camper Days) | Tent and Trailer Campers (Camper Days) | Day Visitors | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|--|-----------------|-----------|
| Anastasia | — | 744 | — | 134,266 | 135,010 |
| Bulow Ruins | — | — | 127 | 14,329 | 14,456 |
| Collier-Seminole | — | — | 18,394 | 81,840 | 100,234 |
| Constitution | — | — | — | 9,180 | 9,180 |
| Dade Battlefield | — | — | 36 | 53,340 | 53,376 |
| Florida Caverns | — | 511 | 2,925 | 66,752 | 70,188 |
| Fort Clinch | — | 2,043 | 22,671 | 269,141 | 293,855 |
| Fort George Sites | — | — | — | 25,260 | 25,260 |
| Fort Pickens | — | 1,247 | 29,739 | 272,315 | 303,301 |
| Gold Head Branch | 15,143 | 18,073 | 28,361 | 104,532 | 166,109 |
| Highlands Hammock | — | 3,911 | 29,921 | 64,980 | 98,812 |
| Hillsborough River | — | — | 22,994 | 126,970 | 149,964 |
| Hugh Taylor Birch | — | 6,073 | — | 652,632 | 658,705 |
| John C. Beasley | — | — | — | 12,245 | 12,245 |
| John Gorrie | — | — | — | 4,026 | 4,026 |
| Jonathan Dickinson | — | — | 20,618 | 34,719 | 55,337 |
| Judah P. Benjamin | — | — | — | 7,195 | 7,195 |
| Killearn Gardens | — | — | — | 125,918 | 125,918 |
| North Little Talbot Island | — | — | — | 143,436 | 143,436 |
| South Little Talbot Island | — | — | — | 87,036 | 87,036 |
| Madira Bickel Mound | — | — | — | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Magnolia Lake | — | — | — | 2,413 | 2,413 |
| Manatee Springs | — | — | 14,112 | 38,360 | 52,472 |
| Myakka River | 1,978 | — | 8,128 | 78,556 | 88,662 |
| Natural Bridge | — | — | — | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins | — | — | — | 25,898 | 25,898 |
| O'Leno | 859 | 10,165 | 3,675 | 27,317 | 42,016 |
| Olustee Battlefield | — | — | — | 11,105 | 11,105 |
| Oscar Scherer | — | — | — | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Pellicer Creek | — | — | — | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| St. Andrews | — | 3,388 | 6,742 | 245,269 | 255,399 |
| Suwannee River | — | — | 2,920 | 51,763 | 54,683 |
| Tomoka | — | — | 11,490 | 95,302 | 106,792 |
| Torreya | — | — | 1,154 | 14,699 | 15,853 |
| Turtle Mound | — | — | — | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins | — | — | — | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| TOTALS | 17,980 | 46,155 | 24,007 | 2,906,994 | 3,195,136 |

**SUMMARY
STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
IN
FLORIDA STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC MEMORIALS**

| | | |
|-------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1949 | Florida Caverns State Park | \$ 30,000 |
| 1950 | Hugh Taylor Birch State Park | 6,631 |
| 1951 | Fort Clinch State Park | 92,706 |
| 1953 | Fort Pickens State Park | 93,000 |
| 1954 | Anastasia State Park | Construction out of Maintenance |
| 1955 | Hugh Taylor Birch State Park | 24,388 |
| 1955 | St. Andrews State Park | 89,502 |
| 1955 | Manatee Springs State Park (6 mile access road) | 133,099 |
| 1956 | Fort Pickens State Park | 49,789 |
| 1956 | Gold Head Branch State Park | 87,708 |
| 1957 | Killearn Gardens State Park | 71,920 |
| 1957 | Torrey State Park (Secondary Road Funds) | 88,325 |
| 1958 | Collier-Seminole State Park | 23,149 |
| 1958 | O'Leno State Park | 69,996 |
| 1959 | Hugh Taylor Birch State Park | 22,895 |
| 1959 | Jonathan Dickinson State Park | 125,703 |
| 1959 | North Little Talbot Island State Park | 2,360 |
| 1960 | Olustee Battlefield Memorial | 3,775 |
| 1960 | St. Andrews State Park | 35,824 |
| 1960 | Suwannee River State Park | 52,112 |
| 1960 | John C. Beasley State Park | 5,550 |
| TOTAL | | <hr/> \$1,108,432 |

FLORIDA PARK SERVICE

| PARK OR HISTORIC MEMORIAL | Initial Acquisition Date | Acreage | Present Status* |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Addison Blockhouse | 1/12/45 | 5 | O |
| Anastasia | 3/31/49 | 1,035 | O |
| Anclote Key | 7/1/60 | 102 | U |
| Bulow Plantation Ruins | 1/12/45 | 109 | O |
| Butler Beach | 6/3/58 | 50 | O |
| Cedar Key | 6/24/60 | 18.63 | P |
| Collier-Seminole | 6/1/44 | 6,423.4 | O |
| Constitution | 3/17/50 | 12 | O |
| Coral Reef | 12/3/59 | 48,160 | P |
| Cowpens | 4/6/59 | 165.3 | U |
| Crow's Bluff | 9/12/60 | 599.34 | U |
| Dade | 9/29/21 | 80 | O |
| Drew Mansion | 3/18/59 | 10 | U |
| Faiver-Dykes | 12/28/50 | 752.16 | P |
| Flagler Beach | 10/4/54 | 145 | U |
| Florida Caverns | 11/7/35 | 1,131.39 | O |
| Fort Clinch | 9/20/35 | 1,085.92 | O |
| Fort Pickens | 11/3/49 | 1,658.6 | O |
| Gold Head | 2/15/36 | 1,338 | O |
| Green Mound | 10/1/52 | 6 | P |
| Sugar Mill Ruins | 3/23/49 | 17.35 | O |
| Highlands Hammock | 9/28/35 | 3,800 | O |
| Hillsborough | 6/10/36 | 2,810 | O |
| Huguenot Memorial | 8/14/53 | 115 | O |
| Hugh Taylor Birch | 12/31/41 | 180 | O |
| Jim Woodruff | 8/9/55 | 689.6 | P |
| John Bartram | 6/11/58 | 73.5 | U |
| John C. Beasley | 6/20/59 | 22.96 | O |
| John Gorrie | 4/15/55 | 1 | O |
| John F. Rollins | 4/11/50 | 133 | O |
| Jonathan Dickinson | 6/9/47 | 8,922.65 | O |
| Judah P. Benjamin | 6/18/26 | 5 | O |
| Killearn Gardens | 3/31/53 | 307.6 | O |
| Kingsley | 2/10/55 | 11.5 | O |
| Lake Griffin | 10/31/46 | 382 | U |
| Little Talbot | 6/11/51 | 2,500 | O |
| Madira Bickel Mound | 4/16/48 | 10 | O |
| Magnolia Lake | 8/5/57 | 191 | P |
| Manatee Springs | 1/6/49 | 1,798.67 | O |
| Myakka | 6/23/36 | 28,875.5 | O |
| Natural Bridge | 3/8/50 | 6 | O |
| O'Leno | 9/5/40 | 1,427.51 | O |
| Olustee Battlefield | 8/6/09 | 3.06 | O |
| Ormond Tomb | 9/17/49 | 9.3 | O |
| Oscar Scherer | 9/12/56 | 462.66 | P |
| St. Andrews | 8/23/46 | 1,021.80 | O |
| Suwannee River | 6/6/47 | 1,838 | O |
| Tomoka | 11/4/46 | 838.5 | O |
| Torreya | 11/1/47 | 1,103 | O |
| Turtle Mound | 3/23/49 | 10 | U |
| Yellow Bluff | 9/12/50 | 1.91 | O |
| Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins | 6/24/53 | 6 | O |
| Total | | 118,878.32 | |

Memorials — 569.75 Acres
Parks — 118,308.57 Acres

* O—Operating
P—Partially Developed
U—Undeveloped

